

Battle Through the Heavens

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Story Description:

In a land where no magic is present. A land where the strong makes the rules and weak has to obey. A land filled with alluring treasures and beauty yet also filled with unforeseen danger. Xiao Yan, who has shown talents none had seen in decades, suddenly three years ago lost everything, his powers, his reputation, and his promise to his mother. What sorcery has caused him to lose all of his powers? And why has his fiancée suddenly shown up?

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Chapter 1300: Sent Flying

The human figure that came out of the spatial crack had a burly build, with the back of a tiger and the waist of a bear. The figure emitted a rich ferocious aura. His appearance surprisingly resembled the expert from the Ancient Void Dragon tribe, whom Xiao Yan had met, Hei Qing.

“Old brother Hei Qing... why have you come?”

Xiao Yan was also startled as this human figure suddenly appeared. His tone was filled with surprise.

“Ugh, I have come to look for you regarding some matters. Those old fellows from the tribe have dispatched me to find you. Dammit! Fortunately, Zi Yan left a dragon seal on you. Otherwise, I really would have ended up looking for you until I died...” Hei Qing looked at Xiao Yan as though he had found his savior. He hurriedly rushed over and heaved a great sigh of relief.

“Look for me?” Xiao Yan knit his brows upon hearing this. What matter could lead an Ancient Void Dragon to him? Could it be...

“Has something happened to Zi Yan?” Xiao Yan’s eyes suddenly widened as he turned to Hei Qing and asked a question in a deep voice.

“She is not in trouble. However, there is something that requires your help... if you have the time, you should leave with me.” Hei Qing rubbed his head as he spoke.

Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment when he saw Hei Qing’s somewhat grave expression. After which, he nodded. It seemed that the matter was quite a big one. Otherwise, it would not cause an expert like Hei Qing to be this frantic.

“Once I resolve the trouble here, I will take a trip with you.”

“Is there some trouble?” Hei Qing recovered only after hearing Xiao Yan’s words. He turned his head, took a look, and continued in a stunned manner, “It is that old soke Mo Yu from the Hall of Souls... do you remember this uncle Hei Qing?”

“Hei Qing?”

The Ninth Tianzun was slightly startled. His expression was gloomy as he suddenly appeared to have remembered something. His expression changed a little as he exclaimed, “You are Hei Qing from the Ancient Void Dragon tribe?”

“Is the name ‘Hei Qing’ something that an old soke like you can say? With your position as the ninth, you do not possess the qualification to do so.”

Hei Qing wrapped his arms in front of his chest. He curled his mouth and did not give any face to the ninth Tianzun.

The ninth Tianzun’s face became extremely dark and gloomy when he heard Hei Qing’s rude words. However, he did not reveal any fury because he clearly understood that this large man in front of him was an extremely troublesome fellow. Even he was no match for this person.

“This friend. This old self is an Elder of the Profound Sky Sect, Shenluo Guizun. This Xiao Yan is a person that my Profound Sky Sect intends to capture. I hope that this friend will not intervene.” The ninth Tianzun was aware of Hei Qing’s background, but Shenluo Guizun was not. After seeing Xiao Yan gradually fall into a disadvantage, how could they let him just flee, so Shenluo Guizun cupped his hands together and spoke in a deep voice.

“Profound Sky Sect? What is this thing?” Hei Qing knit his brows. He waved his hand somewhat impatiently and said, “All of you should hurry up and get lost. I am looking for little brother Xiao Yan regarding some matters. Stop wasting this father’s damn time.”

“You!”

Shenluo Guizun and Yaohua Liangzun’s expressions changed after hearing Hei Qing’s vulgarities. They both furiously cried out, “You dare to disrespect my Profound Sky Sect? You are seeking death!”

After their loud cries sounded, the two of them stepped through empty space. Their bodies immediately rushed forward like lightning. Dark and

cold Dou Qi violently smashed toward Hei Qing without being held back.

“Two six star Dou Zuns actually possess the courage to scream in front of this father?”

Hei Qing laughed out of anger when he saw the two rushing over and advanced instead of pulling back. Both of his fists tightened and the muscles all over his body fluctuated in a strange manner. Finally, he sent his fists forward without any fancy attacks.

“Bang!”

Two metal fists smashed out and formed two black spatial marks. The black spatial marks moved quickly before violently colliding with the duo.

“Just what is this fellow’s origin?”

The bodies of Shenluo Guizun’s group trembled after the collision. Their expressions immediately turned pale. The frightening strength they faced, which seemed to be able to destroy everything, caused a terror to surge from deep within their hearts.

“Grug.”

The terror had just appeared when their throats filled with something sweet. They both spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. Their bodies flew back like kites with their strings broken. They violently shot into the forest below, smashing into the ground and forming a hundred-meter-deep pit. The powerful remnant force completely destroyed the large trees within a hundred meter radius.

“Clap clap...”

Hei Qing sent the two flying with a punch from each fist. After which, he patted his hands together. His face was filled with ridicule. His eyes, which contained some ill intent, glanced at the gloomy face of the ninth Tianzun. He said, “Mo Yu, are you going to get lost by yourself or shall this father do it for you?”

“Hei Qing, you should not act so arrogantly. Xiao Yan is someone the hall chief wants to capture. Are you really going to protect him?” Ninth

Tianzun coldly demanded.

Hei Qing narrowed his eyes. He rubbed his hands together as he replied in a faint voice, "This father doesn't care about all this. Those old fellows from the clan want me to find Xiao Yan. Since this father is here, everyone should forget about bringing him away."

"Crack."

The fury within the eyes of the ninth Tianzun surged. Both of his hands slowly tightened and emitted cracking sounds. Frightening Dou Qi slowly spread from his body.

"You wish to fight? Alright, the old me also wishes to see if you have improved after so many years."

Hei Qing coldly chuckled. His body became distorted. It emitted a muffled thunder-like bone explosion. Following the sound of these bones appearing, his body became even larger. An extremely powerful pressure was vaguely emitted from his strong body.

The ninth Tianzun's eyes twitched involuntarily when he sensed the pressure. He inhaled a deep breath of air and suppressed the fury within his heart. He was aware that he was no match for Hei Qing with his strength. Even if he attacked, he would not gain an advantage. Moreover, the control over space that an Ancient Void Dragon exhibited was something that no one could match. Even someone stronger than an Ancient Void Dragon would find it difficult to defeat and successfully retain the other party.

"Hei Qing, I don't believe that you can protect this brat forever!" The ninth Tianzun spoke in a dense tone.

"It is not up to you to be concerned about this..." Hei Qing glanced at him and replied.

"Hmph."

The ninth Tianzun coldly snorted. His heart was filled with an unwillingness. It was unexpected that he had successfully avoided Yao Chen, but had ended up attracting someone from the Ancient Void

Dragon tribe. He did not expect Xiao Yan to have a relationship with this tribe.

Since Hei Qing had shown himself, the ninth Tianzun understood that capturing Xiao Yan had become an impossible task. The Ninth Tianzun could only clench his teeth when he thought of this. He stared at Xiao Yan viciously and said, "Xiao Yan, you can't just hide forever. I do not believe that someone will always be there to rescue you!"

After uttering those words, the ninth Tianzun ceased to remain in this place. He turned around and was just about to leave when Hei Qing suddenly opened his mouth, "Mo Yu, when you return, inform those people above you not to go against Xiao Yan and the members of the Xiao clan. The grudges between the Hun (Soul) clan and the Xiao clan have ceased to exist by now. By going overboard, there will come a point in time where all of you will regret it... these words are not spoken by this father. They are spoken by those old fellows within the tribe."

The ninth Tianzun narrowed his eyes when he heard Hei Qing's final sentence. He coldly laughed, "It is pointless telling me this. No one will be able to stop my Hall of Souls from doing anything. The Gu clan cannot, and your Ancient Void Dragon tribe also cannot!"

The ninth Tianzun's body shook after uttering these words. He transformed into a ray of light and disappeared into the horizon in the blink of an eye.

Hei Qing gently rubbed his fist as he watched the ninth Tianzun's disappearing figure. His expression was cold. A moment later, he turned his head to look at Xiao Yan. He smiled and said, "Little brother Xiao Yan, are you alright?"

"I have troubled old brother to intervene again." Xiao Yan cupped his hands as he replied.

"Ugh, it doesn't matter. This time around, my Ancient Void Dragon tribe is going to have to trouble you..." Hei Qing shook his head. He hesitated for a moment before continuing, "You will become aware of the exact reason once you have come with me. If there is nothing else, can we leave

now? This matter is of great importance. Nothing must go wrong.”

Seeing that even Hei Qing, who had a rough character, was acting with such seriousness, Xiao Yan’s heart was solemn. Just what had caused the Ancient Void Dragon tribe to become this anxious?

“Yes, however, can I bring my friend along?” Xiao Yan pointed at Qing Lin a short distance away. When Hei Qing appeared, the Elder from the Profound Sky Sect, who had been entangled in a battle with Qing Lin, swiftly withdrew. He withdrew even quicker when he saw Hei Qing send Shenluo Guizun’s group flying with a punch. That fellow was so frightened that he dared not approach.

“Yes, it’s fine...” Hei Qing glanced at Qing Lin and nodded.

Xiao Yan only sighed in relief after seeing a nod. It had only be a short while since the ninth Tianzun had left. He was worried about Qing Lin returning alone. It was naturally for the best that Hei Qing had agreed.

While Xiao Yan sighed in relief, he waved his hand and returned the Sky Demon Puppet, which had been beaten until thousands of scars and hundreds of holes had appeared on its body. He sighed quietly within his heart. The Sky Demon Puppet, which had followed him for a long time, showed signs of becoming scrap.

After Xiao Yan stored away the puppet, Qing Lin also returned her experts into her eyes, leaving a frightened Hua Jin standing in the sky. She showed her terror while she looked at Hei Qing. His might caused her to feel shocked.

“Young master Xiao Yan, are we going to let this woman off? It’s her fault we were intercepted this time around.” Qing Lin softly inquired.

“There is no time...”

Xiao Yan glanced at the woman and shook his head. They were pressed for time and he was too lazy to personally teach this woman a lesson.

“Big brother Hei Qing, let’s leave...”

Xiao Yan turned to look at Hei Qing as he spoke.

“Yes.”

Hei Qing nodded. His hand lifted through the air in front of him and tore a spatial crack. Xiao Yan and Qing Lin’s bodies entered in a flash.

Hua Jin sighed in relief when she saw Xiao Yan’s group leaving. She uttered a string of vicious curses in her stomach. However, those curses had just appeared in her heart when Hei Qing, whose foot had just stepped toward the spatial crack line in the sky, paused. He waved his large hand without turning his head. Waves of frightening forces tore through space and landed on Hua Jin’s body in an instant.

“Grug!”

An incomparably strong force caused Hua Jin to spit out a mouthful of fresh blood. Her body violently smashed into a mountain. Large rocks rolled down and buried her deep underneath.

“Do not think that this father will not attack you just because you are a woman.”

Hei Qing swung his large hand after sending Hua Jin flying with a slap. He flashed closer to the spatial crack. With a ‘chi’ sound, he entered it and disappeared with it.

Chapter 1301: Ancient Dragon Island

The interior of the spatial crack consisted of a strange tunnel that was filled with a faint silver light. The tunnel extended to an unknown end. Xiao Yan's trio of people were swiftly flying through it.

"He is indeed worthy of being an Ancient Void Dragon. To be able to build such a long distance tunnel with just the strength of one person..."

Some surprise surfaced within Xiao Yan's heart as he studied the spatial tunnel. This ability was something that even an ordinary expert at the peak of the Dou Zun class would have difficulty performing. It was likely that only those elite Dou Shengs as well as the Ancient Dragons, whose control over the spatial strength had reached the pinnacle, could do this.

Hei Qing was leading the way with a somewhat grave expression. He did not say much along the way. Both Xiao Yan and Qing Lin could only remain quiet. Xiao Yan's brows were knit. Just what exactly happened to cause Hei Qing to be this serious.

The three of them shuttled through the spatial tunnel for nearly an hour. The uniform silver light in the surroundings caused Xiao Yan to feel a little giddy and dazzled. Just when he was about to shut his eyes and rest a little, Hei Qing suddenly reduced his speed. Xiao Yan's eyes followed Hei Qing's as he looked into the distance, only to see that there was a vague silver light circle at the end.

"Have we arrived?"

Xiao Yan's attention was braced when he saw the light circle. His speed was raised as he followed close behind Hei Qing. A moment later, the three of them transformed into three figures of light that charged into the silver circle.

Xiao Yan's sight momentarily became blurry after having charged into the light circle. Suddenly, his vision returned. The scene in front of him was no longer filled with that monotonous silver color. A lush green mountain filled his eyes now.

“This is...”

Xiao Yan was standing high in the air. He was startled after he processed the land that appeared in front of him. Of course, using the word ‘islands’ to describe the things in front was likely a little more suitable. The size of this island was extremely spacious. There was a faint-silver circular outline in the sky above the island. It formed of a bowl like shape, wrapping the entire island in it. Xiao Yan studied the light barrier only for him to be stunned because the outside was actually empty space that caused one’s heart to feel cold...

This island was suspended within empty space!

“What grandness...”

Even Xiao Yan involuntarily inhaled a gentle breath of cool air when he realized this. Although the size of the island was no match for the realms that elite Dou Shengs created, this place was even more hidden. Even an elite Dou Zun would not dare to randomly barge into the realm of emptiness. Creating a resting place in this area was extremely safe. No wonder one seldom heard about any news related to the Ancient Void Dragon in the Central Plains. They were living within the realm of emptiness.

“Follow me.”

Hei Qing looked below him. After which, he waved his hand and took the lead to land on a certain island. Xiao Yan and Qing Lin hurriedly followed behind him.

“Young master Xiao Yan, the aura here is really frightening...” Qing Lin, who was following beside Xiao Yan, softly made a comment.

Xiao Yan nodded in agreement. He could vaguely sense that there were quite a number of powerful as well as hidden auras that existed around this dragon island. It seemed that they were the experts from the Ancient Void Dragon tribe. This kind of discovery caused him to feel a little speechless. It was indeed worthy of being the peak existence within the Magical Beast world. It was the first time that he had sensed so many powerful auras. Moreover, he couldn’t even classify these auras. He

believed that there were definitely some auras that even he was unable to sense on this Ancient Dragon Island. They were truly frightening existences.

The two of them followed Hei Qing toward a mountain in the middle of the island. Along the way, they met a couple of figures that appeared to be patrolling. When these figures saw Hei Qing, they stopped moving and swept their surprised eyes over Xiao Yan and Qing Lin before withdrawing.

The trio slowly landed on top of the large mountain. The three of them had just landed when a white-robed figure quietly appeared in front of the three of them.

“Hei Qing greets third Elder.”

Hei Qing cupped his hands the moment he saw the white-robed Elder in front of him. He pointed at Xiao Yan and said, “This is Zi Yan’s friend, Xiao Yan.”

“Ke ke, please do not blame us for being reckless by calling young friend Xiao Yan over with such haste.” The white-robed old man smiled as he spoke to Xiao Yan upon hearing Hei Qing’s words.

“This is third Elder, Zhu Li.”

“Elder Zhu Li is too polite. Zi Yan is my friend. I will naturally hurry over if she is in any trouble.”

Although the old man in front reveals a friendly and warm face, Xiao Yan did not dare to slight him. Xiao Yan could sense an incomparable pressure emanating from the old man’s body. This kind of pressure appeared to influence his soul. If his Spiritual Strength wasn’t strong to begin with, he probably would not even be able to say anything.”

“This Elder Zhu Li is likely an expert that has reached the peak of the Dou Zun class. He might even have reached the Ban Sheng level like teacher. The Ancient Void Dragon tribe is indeed filled with many hidden experts.’

Xiao Yan quietly spoke to himself in his heart. The corner of his eyes

involuntarily twitched when he sensed this pressure.

Elder Zhu Li smiled. He fondled his snow-white beard. His calm eyes suddenly landed on Qing Lin behind Xiao Yan, and he was immediately startled. He said with some surprise, "This is... Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils? This scent, it is actually the Ancient Heaven Serpent?"

The surprise in Elder Zhu Li's voice had become much denser when he finished speaking. He seemed uncertain, "It is unexpected that there is an Ancient Heaven Serpent's soul still existing in this world."

Qing Lin carefully glanced at Elder Zhu Li in front of her. She softly made a sound of acknowledgement. The Ancient Heaven Serpent was rumored to have fought with the Ancient Void Dragons during ancient times. Now that the two species had met again, the Ancient Heaven Serpent's soul within her body fluctuated a little unusually. However, it was fortunate that she was able to suppress it. Although an Ancient Heaven Serpent was strong, this was the territory of the Ancient Void Dragons. If that fellow was allowed to come out, it was likely that it would be beaten into a pulp by the many Ancient Void Dragons here.

"Ke ke, young lady, there is no need to be afraid. The Ancient Heaven Serpent tribe has already ceased to exist. Those grudges from the ancient times were settled a long time ago. However, the Ancient Heaven Serpent soul is naturally ferocious and difficult to control. You should be careful. Do not allow yourself to be controlled by it..." Zhu Li laughed.

"Yes."

Qing Lin tilted her head. With the Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils, she was not afraid the Heaven Serpent soul retaliating.

"Elder Zhu Li, may I know what exactly has happened to Zi Yan?" Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment before he involuntarily asked.

Zhu Li became quiet upon hearing the question. A moment later, he softly sighed and said, "It is all because of that Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit."

Xiao Yan's heart tightened. He quietly uttered "as expected." While he

was traveling here, he had guessed that this matter would likely be related to the Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit that they had obtained from the ancient remains back then. It was unexpected that he had guessed correctly.

“Zi Yan is part of the royal bloodline of our Ancient Void Dragon tribe. Her father was the king of my Ancient Void Dragons back then. He had suddenly gone missing and Zi Yan had gone missing with him. She was only sensed by us when she arrived in the Central Plains a couple of years ago... speaking of this, it is all thanks to you.”

“Missing?”

Xiao Yan was slightly startled when he heard these words. He fell deep into thought. He had not only found Zi Yan, but also the corpse of a Heaven Demon Phoenix in the Black-Corner Region. Could it be that this Heaven Demon Phoenix’s corpse was related to Zi Yan’s father? Since Zi Yan’s father could become the king of the Ancient Void Dragon tribe, it was likely that his strength was extremely frightening. In that case, where could he have gone running to that even Zi Yan was abandoned by him?”

“The Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit is a mysterious treasure that is extremely unlikely to grow after absorbing the blood of an Ancient Void Dragon and that of a Heaven Phoenix. This kind of fruit can change the blood of an Ancient Dragon or Heaven Phoenix, allowing one’s body to possess the specialty of both creatures and gain a true Magical Beast king bloodline...” Elder Zhu Li continued while Xiao Yan was deep in thought.

“Ever since Zi Yan brought back the Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit, we decided to allow her to inherit the strength after some discussion. One reason is because she has the blood of royalty. Once she enters her matured state, she will become the new Queen of the Ancient Dragons. Thus, it is most suitable for her to possess this bloodline. The second is because she is still young and has the ability to adapt. It will be easier for her to absorb this Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit...”

Elder Zhu Li involuntarily laughed with a bitter tone when he spoke until this point. He continued, “However, the outcome has somewhat

exceeded our expectation. The Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit's energy is too powerful. Zi Yan's body is unable to completely absorb this frightening energy. Hence, the energy has started to solidify..."

"Energy solidifying?"

Xiao Yan was startled when he heard this phrase. "What do you mean?"

"Ugh, follow me..."

Elder Zhu Li sighed. He turned around and walked toward a stone hall in the mountain. Xiao Yan hurriedly followed behind him.

The couple of them followed behind Zhu Li as they traversed through the stone hall. The few of them finally halted their footsteps deep within the large hall. This large hall was built from a huge rock. In the middle of the large hall was a towering altar. At this moment, a lovely little figure was quietly lying on top of the altar.

Xiao Yan glanced over. His eyes focused on that lovely little body. His expression immediately changed.

He could see that there was a layer of crystal that appeared like ice, covering every part of the body. If one were to look carefully, one would discover that this was not only the case outside of the body. Even the interior of the body was occupied by this kind of crystal body...

In other words, Zi Yan had transformed into a crystal body that was without any life!

Chapter 1302: The Ancient Void Dragon Clan That Had Been Split

“Hu...”

Xiao Yan's eyes solidified on the altar. A long while later, he finally exhaled a deep breath of air. His expression was quite ugly. With his eyesight, he was naturally able to tell that there was no life force on Zi Yan's body at this moment. If he wasn't able to sense a little familiar spiritual fluctuation, it was likely that he would have thought that Zi Yan had already died.

“This is the solidifying of energy...”

Elder Zhu Li beside Xiao Yan also sighed. He said, “The energy of the Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit is really too frightening. It solidified and filled every part of Zi Yan's body. If Zi Yan is unable to absorb this energy, she will forever be in this state like a living dead...”

“All of you are really too reckless.” Even though Xiao Yan was aware that the strength of the elder in front of him was extremely terrifying, he still involuntarily yelled with a furious voice. If this matter was not resolved properly, Zi Yan would probably lose her life.”

Elder Zhu Li also bitterly smiled. He shook his head when he heard Xiao Yan's cry. However, he did not say anything. It was likely that he also felt regret.

“Little brother Xiao Yan, you should also not blame third Elder. Even the Ancient Void Dragon tribe has only come across the Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit a couple of times. Hence, we do not really understand it. Such a thing has occurred due our lack of understanding.” Hei Qing by the side urged.

“Has the Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit been successfully absorbed before?” Xiao Yan appeared to have recalled something as he suddenly asked.

“Yes, however, it has only successfully been absorbed twice. One was

obtained by the Heaven Phoenix. Hence, the Heaven Phoenix tribe produced an extremely powerful person. During that period of time, even the Ancient Void Dragon tribe was completely suppressed by them. Fortunately after a couple of hundred years, our Ancient Void Dragon tribe finally obtained a Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit and managed to turn things around. However, during the final bloody battle between the two tribes, those two experts, who possessed extremely powerful bloodlines, ended up dying together..." Elder Zhu Li nodded. He said, "Ever since that time, the Heaven Phoenix tribe began to gradually disappear. The Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit didn't appear again. The old me has seen it for the first time in my life this time around..."

"It has only been successful twice huh..."

Xiao Yan knit his brows and immediately sighed. He understood that getting entangled in this matter was really of little use. After which, he asked, "How can we rescue Zi Yan now?"

"This kind of solidified energy that is formed by the Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit is extremely hard. Even the old me is unable to break it..." Zhu Li said. "Moreover, if it was broken, this energy would be wasted...."

"Are you still going to bother with this energy even now?" Xiao Yan questioned with a frown.

"Ugh, little friend Xiao Yan, you are unaware of the current situation of my Ancient Void Dragon tribe. We are currently in great need of a tribe leader who possesses the royal bloodline and who is able to control the situation." Zhu Li bitterly laughed.

"What happened? The Ancient Void Dragon tribe is powerful. What situation do you face that causes all of you to find it troublesome to deal with?" Xiao Yan was also stunned when he understood what Zhu Li was asking in a somewhat surprised voice.

Zhu Li hesitated for a moment after hearing this question. A moment later, he finally clenched his teeth and said, "Little friend Xiao Yan and my Ancient Void Dragon tribe have quite a deep relationship. It is fine to tell you... the Ancient Dragon Island that you see now is actually not the

complete Ancient Dragon Island. Instead, it is merely one quarter of the original Ancient Dragon Island...”

“One quarter?” Xiao Yan was startled. He reacted quickly, “What about the other three portions?”

“The Ancient Void Dragon tribe was divided into four groups not long after Zi Yan’s father went missing. The Ancient Void Dragon Island has also been divided into four. Each of them are drifting in this empty realm...” Zhu Li said, “In other words, the Ancient Void Dragon tribe that you see now is actually not whole.”

“Hiss...”

Xiao Yan involuntarily inhaled a gentle breath of cool air. Just one quarter of its strength was already this frightening. Was the strength of the Ancient Void Dragon tribe not a little too strong? No wonder they have continued to survive since the ancient times without being destroyed.

“Every once in awhile, the four dragon islands will meet in the empty realm. At that time, we will definitely exchange blows. The other three islands’ chiefs all wish to dominate the Ancient Void Dragon tribe. However, there is little difference in their strength. Hence, the Ancient Void Dragon tribe still remains in a split state after so many years.” Zhu Li sighed.

“The other three islands also possess an Ancient Void Dragon with a royal bloodline?” Xiao Yan softly asked. This Ancient Void Dragon tribe clearly placed great emphasis on their bloodline. Unless there was some special circumstances, an ordinary Ancient Void Dragon should find it difficult to be in command.

“They can barely be considered to have it. However, their bloodlines are far from being as pure as Zi Yan’s...” Zhu Li shook his head and continued, “The reason that we are so anxious to have Zi Yan absorb the Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit is because we hope she will evolve as quickly as possible and subsequently unite the Ancient Void Dragon tribe the next time the four islands meet.”

“No wonder...” Xiao Yan also gained a sudden understanding in his

heart. No wonder the Ancient Void Dragon has kept such a low profile during these years. It was not because they liked to. Instead, it was because of an internal conflict that caused them to be unable to divert their attention to fight other powerful enemies.

“This reason is why tribes like the Heaven Demon Phoenix tribe and the Nine Serene Deep Ground Python tribe are allowed to rise within the Magical Beast world...”

Zhu Li sighed. His tone clearly appeared to have exceptional disdain for the other two large tribes. During the ancient times, only the ancestors of these two tribes could contend with the Ancient Dragon tribe. Just what were these descendants who relied on a remnant bloodline supposed to be?

“It is unexpected that the Ancient Void Dragon tribe still possesses such a secret. However, their ability to keep a secret is really too good. Hardly any factions on the continent were aware of the inner conflict of the Ancient Void Dragon tribe...” Xiao Yan quietly smacked his tongue.

“I hope that little friend Xiao Yan will keep this matter a secret. After all, if it were to spread, it would be difficult to be certain that certain large factions, which have come into conflict with my Ancient Dragon tribe, will not intervene...” Zhu Li spoke with a serious face.

“Elder Zhu Li, please rest assured that I will not spread this news.” Xiao Yan also nodded with a grave expression. He immediately turned to the altar. He said, “Since Elder Zhu Li has called me here, it is likely that you think that I can be of some help to Zi Yan, right? If I guess correctly, it should be the Heavenly Flame, no?”

Xiao Yan admitted to himself that there were only two ways he could catch the eyes of the Ancient Void Dragon. One was his alchemist skill while the other was the Heavenly Flame within his body. Although Xiao Yan had advanced to a tier 8 alchemist guru, there were definitely better alchemists than him within the Central Plains. Since that was the case, there was only one final possibility, the Heavenly Flames...

“Ke ke, you are indeed worthy of being Xiao Xuan’s descendant...” Zhu Li

laughed and nodded. He said, “The energy crystal layer that is formed by the Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit is extremely hard. Even I am unable to break it. Hence, if one wishes to melt the crystal layer and force this energy into Zi Yan’s body, one can only rely on the strength of a Heavenly Flame.

“However, an ordinary Heavenly Flame is of little use against this kind of energy crystal. Only a Heavenly Flame that is ranked among the top ten on the Heavenly Flame Ranking can suffice... Moreover, little friend Xiao Yan possesses many types of Heavenly Flames and is able to merge them together. Their might is definitely comparable to a Heavenly Flame at the sixth or seventh rank. It is not impossible to use it to deal with this energy crystal...

“The old me is also aware that some experts on the Central Plains possess a Heavenly Flame. However, only little friend Xiao Yan is someone who possesses such an ability and is trustworthy. Therefore, we got Hei Qing to hurry and invite you over.” Zhu Li smiled as he explained the situation.

Xiao Yan only came to a sudden understanding upon hearing this. Immediately, he pondered the problem. It was not a problem if it merely required a Heavenly Flame that was ranked among the top ten. After all, just the Three Thousand Burning Flame alone had reached this requirement, but there was no need to even mention it after the other three types of Heavenly Flame were merged with it.

“This matter is related to whether the Ancient Void Dragon can survive in the future. It is of great importance. Therefore, I hope that little friend Xiao Yan will do his best to help!” Zhu Li cupped his hands to Xiao Yan in a solemn manner as he spoke in a deep voice. Hei Qing behind him also cupped his hands and bowed.

“Elder Zhu Li, please rest assured. Zi Yan is my friend, I, Xiao Yan, will definitely do my best to help. I will listen to Elder regarding how to carry this out. All you need to do is instruct me wherever you need my help.” Xiao Yan replied with a serious expression.

There was a greater smile on Elder Zhu Li's face when he heard Xiao Yan speak. He sighed, "If Xiao Xuan was aware that the Xiao clan could produce such an outstanding clan member after him, it is likely that he would be laughing even in the netherworld..."

"Hee hee, I think that Xiao Xuan is unable to compare with this descendant of his. Back then, he had used the bloodline of the Xiao clan to its limits in order to reach that height. However, the clan members after him ended up with a completely wasted bloodline... on the other hand, the current Xiao Yan has reached this height by relying on himself. If he is given sufficient time, it will not be impossible to surpass Xiao Xuan..." Hei Qing laughed.

Zhu Li also smiled and nodded when he heard this. He glanced at Xiao Yan before speaking, "You should not blame Xiao Xuan for completely exhausting the remaining bloodline of the Xiao clan. Back then, he wanted to stake everything. If he could break through the Dou Sheng class, the bloodline strength of the Xiao clan would continue. The Xiao clan would also become an ancient clan like the Gu clan. Unfortunately, he had underestimated the difficulty of breaking through the Dou Sheng class. Finally, he ended up dying full of anger and regret."

Xiao Yan might be at a loss when he heard the conversation between the two. However, he vaguely sensed the desperation, pain, and regret that the ancestor had faced back then...

"The ancestor also did it all for the descendants of the Xiao clan..."

Xiao Yan curled his mouth. Although he had never met Xiao Xuan, Xiao Yan's heart felt some respect for that ancestor.

"Ke ke, let's not talk about this. Little friend Xiao Yan, you should rest for two days. The old me has to prepare some things beforehand. We'll act once everything is prepared!" Zhu Li also ceased discussing the past. He changed the topic and smiled as he spoke.

"Yes."

Xiao Yan nodded his head. He turned to the small lovely figure that was quietly lying on the altar. His fists tightened as he softly muttered, "Zi Yan,

you can rest assured that I will rescue you...”

Chapter 1303: Begin

Xiao Yan and Qing Lin remained on the Ancient Dragon Island during the next two days. Elder Zhu Li hurried to prepare the things needed to refine the energy crystal on Zi Yan. It was fortunate that he had instructed Hei Qing to entertain the two guests while he was busy. Hence, two days swiftly flowed by while waiting in leisure.

On the third morning, Elder Zhu Li finally appeared in front of Xiao Yan with a solemn face. Seeing this, Xiao Yan understood that today was likely the day that they would begin...

“Little friend Xiao Yan, please follow the old me.”

Zhu Li informed Xiao Yan before turning around and leading the way at the front. Xiao Yan swiftly followed behind.

Xiao Yan followed Zhu Li as he flew to the deepest part of the Dragon Island. He discovered that the atmosphere of the Dragon Island appeared much more solemn today. The usually empty sky occasionally had one or two figures flying past. Their eyes were cautiously sweeping outside of the empty realm.

“Although we have done a good job of keeping this a secret, Zi Yan is really too important to the Ancient Dragon clan. Therefore, nothing must go wrong. Hence, the defenses of the Dragon Island have reached a high point.” Xiao Yan only came to an understanding after hearing Zhu Li explain why along the way.

Xiao Yan could acutely sense that the energy around them had become hotter while he flew toward the deepest part of the Dragon Island.

“This place... actually has a volcano...”

Surprise flashed across Xiao Yan’s eyes as he sensed it in detail. The Ancient Void Dragon really acted in a grand manner. It was unexpected that they built a genuine volcano on the island.

After flying for ten minutes, Elder Zhu Li slowly reduced his speed. Xiao Yan followed him and looked ahead. He could see a large mountain ahead.

The mountain peak exhibited a concave shape where white, hot smoke curled and rose.

“Chi!”

A black figure suddenly hurried over from the distance when Xiao Yan and Zhu Li arrived in this part of the sky. After which, the figure appeared in front of Xiao Yan’s group.

“You... Tie Jian zun-zhe? ... Why are you here?”

Xiao Yan initially gave a random glance at this human figure. Unexpectedly, his glance stilled on this figure. He cried out in disbelief.

The human figure in front was wearing a black robe. He carried a metal sword on his back. His appearance was that of Tie Jian zun-zhe, who had accompanied Xiao Yan’s group to rescue Yao Lao back then. However, Tie Jian zun-zhe had remained behind to block the Black White Tianzun back then. Originally, Xiao Yan had thought that he was gone, but he ended up unexpectedly meeting him again.

“Ha ha...” Elder Zhu Li laughed when he saw Xiao Yan’s expression. Tie Jian zun-zhe’s face also moved a little as he appeared to smile.

“Could that mysterious expert back then be Elder Zhu Li?” Xiao Yan’s eyes were unfocused as he asked Zhu Li with surprise.

“I quietly followed Zi Yan after she had left. She is far too important to our Ancient Void Dragon clan. How could I allow her to randomly barge around alone?” Elder Zhu Li fondled his beard and laughed, “Back then, I had only helped her stabilize the spatial crack and did not do anything else to help. As for Tie Jian, the old me does admire this character of his. Therefore, I rescued him from the hands of the Hall of Souls after you left.”

“It is unexpected that the little me has unknowingly received a favor from Elder Zhu Li...” Xiao Yan bitterly laughed.

“It is merely a small matter...” Elder Zhu Li randomly waved his hand. After which, his eyes landed on Tie Jian zun-zhe as he asked, “Is everything prepared?”

Tie Jian zun-zhe tilted his head in agreement.

Elder Zhu Li also nodded when he saw Tie Jian zun-zhe's response. He waved his hand at Xiao Yan, and his body slowly drifted forward. Finally, he was suspended above the mountain that was emitting a smoke pillar. Xiao Yan followed close behind. His eyes glanced down, only to discover that there was an enormous emerald-green cauldron suspended above the mouth of the volcano. It was possible to see a small lovely figure suspended within it. That figure was Zi Yan.

"Little friend Xiao Yan. The fire affinity energy of this place is extremely rich. The might of the Heavenly Flame will be strengthened by using the Heavenly Flame here..." Elder Zhu Li pointed at the large cauldron. His expression was a little grave as he said, "However, the Heavenly Flame is too overbearing. Hence, there is a need for extremely outstanding control in order to refine the energy crystal without burning Zi Yan. With little friend Xiao Yan's current ability, I think that you should be able to achieve this right?"

"Aye."

Xiao Yan nodded. He had already reached the pinnacle when it came to the control of a flame. Hence, it was not difficult for him.

Elder Zhu Li also sighed in relief when he saw Xiao Yan nod. His finger pointed to the surrounding mountains as he said, "During this period of time, the Ancient Void Dragon tribe's experts and the old me will personally remain around here. We will definitely not allow anything to disturb you."

Xiao Yan's eyes followed the direction Elder Zhu Li pointed. With his outstanding perception, he could indeed sense quite a number of extremely powerful auras hidden within the surrounding mountains.

"Additionally, refining the Dragon Phoenix crystal will not be easy. This will be a task that exhausts a great amount of time. It will also exhaust Dou Qi at an extremely frightening rate." Elder Zhu Li clenched his hand after he spoke. A dense-white jade bottle appeared in his hand. He fondled it a little before handing it to Xiao Yan and continued with, "There are five

drops of Ancient Dragon Essence Blood that the old me has personally refined in that bottle. They possess an extremely great amount of energy. Not only will they allow one to instantly recover a great amount of Dou Qi but they also possess the mysterious effect of tempering one's veins and bones. You can consume one drop when the Dou Qi within your body is unable to keep up during the refinement..."

Xiao Yan carefully received the jade bottle. He sensed the vast and mighty energy that radiated out of it. Even with his eyesight and experience, a glint of shock still involuntarily appeared in his eyes. He naturally understood how precious the Ancient Dragon essence blood was. These five drops of refined essence blood would cause elite experts to fight in the outside world. After all, these things were not only able to swiftly recover one's exhausted Dou Qi, they were also able to temper one's body, enabling one to be comparable to that of some Magical Beasts.

"This matter is of great importance and it is unwise of me to boast. Although this Ancient Dragon essence blood is precious, the little me shall temporarily accept it..." Xiao Yan did not put up an act at this moment. He immediately cupped his hands together and inhaled a deep breath of air. His body flashed, transforming into a ray of light that appeared in the sky above the volcano. He sat in the sky beside the large cauldron.

Elder Zhu Li's expression gradually became serious when he saw that Xiao Yan was preparing to begin. He muttered, "The subsequent matters will depend on you..."

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Xiao Yan sat in front of the enormous cauldron. His eyes were grave as he observed the lovely little figure within the cauldron. He inhaled a couple of breaths and slowly opened his mouth after his heart had completely calmed down.

"Bang!"

After Xiao Yan opened his mouth, a purple-brown fire pillar that contained a dense whiteness was spat out. It soared with the wind and turned into a monstrous flame, which poured into the enormous cauldron.

With the appearance of the Heavenly Flame, the temperature quickly rose. Some of the towering trees in the mountain forest began to shed some leaves at this moment...

The flame whistled into the enormous cauldron and gathered together under Xiao Yan's nearly flawless control. Within a short moment, a huge fire dragon was formed within the enormous cauldron.

"Roar!"

The fire dragon roared at the sky when it formed. That roar shook the enormous cauldron until it trembled.

"Refine!"

Xiao Yan's hand seal suddenly changed outside of the enormous cauldron. A soft cry was emitted from his mouth.

Following the appearance of this cry, the enormous fire dragon charged toward Zi Yan, who was sleeping with her eyes shut. When it was about to collide with her body, it swiftly turned and curled up. It used its body to wrap around her. At the same time, the temperature within the large cauldron suddenly rose to a frightening extent...

"Swoosh swoosh swoosh..."

When the temperature suddenly rose, numerous rays of light rushed out from all over the Dragon Island. After which, they stopped above the surrounding mountains with solemn expressions. These were the tribe members of the Ancient Void Dragon tribe. They appeared to be aware of the matter today. Hence, none of them made any noise. They were worried of disturbing Xiao Yan's focus.

Xiao Yan did not have the time to worry about these surrounding observers. At this moment, all of his attention had gathered inside the large cauldron. The spiritual strength between his brows surged out in all directions to control the temperature of the flame...

The flame within the large cauldron fiercely burned. Although the flame blocked their eyes, the scene within was still clearly absorbed into the minds of Elder Zhu Li and the other experts.

The fire dragon curled and entrenched itself. Numerous extremely hot fire pillars continuously shot from its large mouth. They lingered around Zi Yan's body within the large cauldron.

Following the erosion by such a frightening temperature, the Dragon Phoenix crystal on Zi Yan's body emitted a faint but unusual glow. Light flickered over the crystal layer. It appeared like a flowing body that emitted wave after wave of frightening energy, which caused one's heart to be frightened.

Heavenly Flames continuously spat on Zi Yan's body. However, the Dragon Phoenix crystal did not show any signs of changing. Nevertheless, Xiao Yan did not panic a little. If it was so easy to melt this thing, Elder Zhu Li would not have invited him to act...

Xiao Yan's expression was indifferent. His eyes were slowly shut as a mysterious flame gently flickered within them.

There was nothing that cannot be incinerated by a Heavenly Flame. This was the case for everything, including this Dragon Phoenix crystal!

Chapter 1304: Refining the Dragon Phoenix Crystal Layer

The sky was dry and hot. It was as though all the moisture in had been vaporized in an instant. The entire mountain appeared to be lethargic under this high temperature. Even the lush-green color that filled the area had become much dimmer.

No one paid any attention to the changes of the surroundings. At this moment, everyone's eyes were focused on the enormous cauldron at the mouth of the volcano.

A skinny figure was seated in front of the large cauldron in front of many eyes. Following the change in the seal formed by his hands, it appeared as though the temperature was controlled by him. The temperature was occasionally high and occasionally low. An ordinary person would have difficulty enduring such a drastic change in temperature.

Elder Zhu Li was suspended in the sky. Both of his hands were placed behind him. His eyes were focused on the large cauldron, and his expression was completely solemn.

"Zhu Li, do you really think that he can refine the Dragon Phoenix crystal?"

An elderly voice suddenly sounded from behind. Elder Zhu Li tilted his head, only to see a old man with black and white hair standing behind him. This elder was dressed simply. His quietness and lack of a smile caused him to appear exceptionally stern.

"There is definitely some desirable aspects in him to be able to become the champion of the Pill Gathering. Although he is young, he appears extremely experienced from what I've learned about him during these two days. He has great perseverance and is unlike any young person his age." Elder Zhu Li's eyes returned to the skinny figure in front of the large cauldron as he replied.

“You should be aware just what Zi Yan means to our Eastern Dragon Island...” The stern and quiet elder was silent for a moment before speaking again.

“Elder Qi You, there is no need to be overly worried. Although Xiao Yan is not the only one on the continent who possesses a Heavenly Flame ranked in the top ten, the current condition of our Ancient Void Dragon tribe is not suitable to invite those fellows to come and help us.” Elder Zhu Li shook his head and softly said, “Also, Zi Yan asked that Xiao Yan be brought to help before she fell unconscious. Although this girl is young, she will not joke with her own life. Since she is able to say this, it is likely that she is very confident in Xiao Yan...”

“Hopefully, Zi Yan is currently the only person within the Ancient Void Dragon tribe to possess a complete royal bloodline. If anything happens to her, it is likely that our Ancient Void Dragon tribe will never be able to unite again.”

That old man called Qi You nodded. He said, “Plus, the First Elder and the Second Elder are all undertaking a complete retreat. No one knows just when they will come out. Without the two of them, our Eastern Dragon Island does not have an advantage among the four islands in terms of strength...”

Zhu Li softly sighed. He said, “It is pointless to think about this now. We should wait for the refinement to complete first. Additionally, the caution level must remain high. If the other three islands were to gain news, one cannot guarantee that they will not dispatch some experts over to probe. Those three islands’ chiefs are all people with great ambition. They will definitely not allow someone with a true royal bloodline to appear. Otherwise, even if they could endure the pressure from the royal bloodline, the other tribe members will be completely united under the royal bloodline...”

“Aye.”

Qi You quietly nodded. He gave Xiao Yan, who still seated in front of the large cauldron, a deep look. His body moved and slowly disappeared. At

the same time, quite a number of auras from the hidden experts started disappearing.

Zhu Li turned back to Xiao Yan after Qi You disappeared. He softly said, “Xiao Yan, the fate of the future Ancient Void Dragon tribe will be determined by you...”

Xiao Yan, who was beside the cauldron at the mouth of the volcano, appeared to hear Zhu Li’s mutter. His eyebrows trembled and an unusually searing hot air was slowly spat out of his throat.

“Coagulate!”

A soft voice was emitted from his throat along with his breath. The fire dragon within the large cauldron shook. It began to tremble. Everyone saw that the color of the fire dragon was beginning to turn from a whitish-purple-brown into a mysterious dark-purple.

“Roar!”

The fire dragon, which had transformed into a dark-purple color had also shrunk in size. However, the flame temperature within its body had suddenly soared. The frightening temperature was caused some members of the Ancient Void Dragon tribe to change their facial expressions.

“Chi!”

A dark-purple flame was continuously spat from the large mouth of the fire dragon. It ruthlessly adhered to the Dragon Phoenix crystal on Zi Yan’s body. The two made contact and waves of sizzling sounds immediately erupted. Under this kind of intense collision, that incomparably hard energy crystal finally revealed a drop of purple-gold liquid in front of many joyous eyes...

“The Dragon Phoenix crystal has started to melt!”

Although that drop of purple-gold liquid was extremely tiny, it still did not escape the experienced eyes of the many experts. Numerous suppressed voices of joy rang out.

“Hu...”

Elder Zhu Li also quietly sighed in relief at this moment. His tightly clenched fists were slowly relaxed. Although this was only the first step, it at the very least indicated that Xiao Yan's Heavenly Flame was able to melt the Dragon Phoenix crystal. This beginning was already quite a joyous one. Subsequently, as long as Xiao Yan was able to endure, he would sooner or later completely melt the entire Dragon Phoenix crystal.

Of course, Elder Zhu Li also understood that attempting to melt the Dragon Phoenix crystal would require a lot of time. However, one must eat things a mouthful at a time. No one could expect something like this to succeed immediately.

With a good beginning, all they needed to do was wait quietly until the Dragon Phoenix crystal completely melted!

Ten days flew by in the blink of an eye amid the wait.

Xiao Yan did not rest even a little during these ten days. The Dou Qi within his body had been completely exhausted twice, but he did not use the Ancient Dragon essence blood that Elder Zhu Li had given him during these two instances. Instead, he relied on the Flame Mantra, which had evolved to the Quasi-Tian class Qi Method, to forcefully absorb the surrounding energy. Although this kind of absorption could not be compared with the rate at which his Dou Qi was exhausted, he was still able to endure by relying on some other Dou Qi recovery pills.

During the ten days, the Dou Qi within his body did not cease circulating for even a moment. This kind of determination caused even some tribe members of the Ancient Void Dragon tribe to involuntarily feel some admiration...

However, it was obvious that this could not continue on by simply relying on ordinary methods. Hence, on the fifteenth day, Xiao Yan was unable to endure this kind of exhaustion. Only then did he take out a drop of the Ancient Dragon essence blood that Elder Zhu Li had given him and swallowed it.

“Bang!”

A bright golden light was immediately emitted from Xiao Yan's skin

when the Ancient Dragon essence blood entered his body. A vast and mighty energy swept through his body like a storm. His originally exhausted veins once again rapidly filled with a gushing amount of Dou Qi in an instant.

When this kind of energy storm streaked through, Xiao Yan could sense that his bones, muscles and veins were vaguely emitting a kind of unusual itchiness and soreness. Under this kind of feeling, it appeared as though his bones, muscles, etc. were all slowly becoming firmer and more powerful...

Some marvel involuntarily appeared in Xiao Yan's heart when he sensed the changes within his body. This kind of energy could basically be compared with some high tier medicinal pills. The Ancient Void Dragon was indeed worthy of being an existence at the peak of the Magical Beast world. Just the strength of this essence blood possessed such a mysterious effect.

"Since this is the case... let's continue!"

Xiao Yan tightened his hand. His somewhat tired face revealed a faint smile. His eyes focused on the interior of the large cauldron. The Dragon Phoenix crystal on the surface of Zi Yan's body appeared to have completely vanished, but its disappearance did not represent the end because the interior of Zi Yan's body was still occupied by the solidified Dragon Phoenix crystal. Only after refining each crystal layer would Zi Yan be able to awaken!

After continuing the refinement, one month swiftly flowed by like sand between one's fingers...

During this one month, all the tribe members of the Ancient Void Dragon tribe were pleasantly surprised to see the Dragon Phoenix crystal on Zi Yan's body become thinner. In the end, it completely vanished.

With this pleasant change, a joyous atmosphere began to spread across the Ancient Dragon Island. According to this speed, it was likely that the Dragon Phoenix crystal layers within Zi Yan's body would be refined soon. At that time, an existence that possessed the true royal bloodline of the

Magical Beast world would be born once again!

A figure was seated in a haggard fashion in front of the enormous cauldron. By looking through the air around the figure, one could see a pair of eyes filled with traces of blood. Those eyes contained a tiredness and a frightening tenacity...

Numerous gazes from around the mountain contained some respect as they focused on the skinny figure. During this one month, this figure had revealed a shocking perseverance that subdued the many naturally haughty Ancient Void Dragon tribe members.

Zhu Li slowly fondled his beard as he studied the back of the figure. The figure was still able to control the Heavenly Flame within the cauldron with great familiarity despite not having slept for a month. A moment later, Zhu Li softly sighed. There was a hint of envy in his voice.

Elder Zhu Li was just about to open his mouth to issue an instruction after sighing when a furious cry suddenly resounded over this empty realm in a thunderbolt-like fashion.

“Xia Ao, all of you are very bold. You actually dare to barge into my Eastern Dragon Island!”

Zhu Li’s expression turned gloomy upon hearing this furious cry. He slowly raised his head and looked toward the empty space outside.

“Are they finally here...”

Chapter 1305: Chaos

Numerous rays of light suddenly appeared in the empty space. A moment later, rays of light slowly descended to the Ancient Dragon Island. The light scattered and numerous figures with powerful auras appeared.

Most of these figures were wearing dark-golden armor. There was a dragon image on their armor. The dragon seemed to vaguely be moving, appearing as though it was alive. It even appeared to be emitting wave after wave of a powerful Dragon Pressure. Other than these people wearing dark-golden armor, there were some human figures with naked upper bodies. These people appeared quite large and strong. They had an awe-inspiring visual impact.

“It’s the people from the Western Dragon Island and the Southern Dragon Island!”

Numerous voices that contained some anger immediately reverberated around the Ancient Dragon Island when they saw these human figures.

“Xia Ao, you actually dare to lead people to my Eastern Dragon Island? What great ability!”

The space in the sky became distorted. Numerous figures appeared. The old man leading them was Elder Qi You, who had chatted with Elder Zhu Li back then. At this moment, his usually impassive face had become extremely stern. A mighty feeling without anger was vaguely emitted from him.

“Ha ha, old fellow Qi You, you should not vent your anger on me. I am only here on orders to invite the great person with the royal bloodline back to the Western Dragon Island.” A large man with thick eyebrows wearing a dark-golden armor slowly took two steps forward. When he stepped forward, empty space appeared to tremble. He glanced at Qi You, who was within a defensive barrier and loudly laughed.

“I’m afraid that the Western Dragon King wishes to imprison the royal bloodline on the Western Dragon Island, no? Hmph, he is merely a branch of the royal bloodline, yet he dares to call himself a dragon king. Isn’t he

afraid of killing himself?” Qi You coldly laughed.

The large man called Xia Ao faintly said, “The current Ancient Dragon tribe has split into four. Regardless of the reason, the Western Dragon King possesses a royal bloodline. He has a stronger gathering ability than you people with ordinary bloodlines. If one were to talk about it, your Eastern Dragon Island is the one that should not exist. Among the four islands, only your island is not led by someone with a royal bloodline. This kind of existence will not be accepted!”

“It is not up to the other three dragon kings to decide what is acceptable or not. The Ancient Void Dragon tribe does not have whatever North, South, East or West Dragon Kings. It only has the former Dragon Emperor. The remainder do not possess any qualification to implement any tribe rules.” Qi You raised his eyebrows as he replied.

“Hee hee, I am also too lazy to utter any nonsense to you, old fellow. This time around, I have come under orders. Please hand over the great person who possesses a royal bloodline. Otherwise, this matter will really likely not end well...” Xia Ao curled his mouth as he made a demand.

“Because of you?”

Qi You’s expression turned cold. He clenched his fist and a frightening energy hurriedly gathered.

“Hee, Qi You, in terms of combat strength, your Eastern Dragon Island is the weakest among the four islands. If my Western Dragon Island’s Dragon Armor army were to invade, this Eastern Dragon Island would not be able to endure for long.” Xia Ao waved his hand when he saw that Qi You was preparing to fight. The dark-golden human figures behind him slowly stepped forward. A powerful pressure gathered and spread toward the dragon island.

When this pressure spread, the expression of Elder Zhu Li, who was deep within the dragon island, slowly became gloomy. He looked at Xiao Yan, who was still seated in front of the large cauldron. He then said in a deep voice, “All of you should protect mister Xiao Yan properly. Do not allow any accidents to occur to him!”

“Understood!”

Some low and deep cries were emitted from the surrounding mountains when Elder Zhu Li’s voice sounded.

Zhu Li only nodded upon hearing their replies. His body moved and disappeared in a strange manner. The next time he appeared, he was already in front of Qi You’s body. He lifted his head and swept his calm eyes over the human figures suspended in empty space. It paused on the group of large human figures with naked upper bodies.

“The Dragon Armor army from the Western Dragon Island and the Barbarian Dragon army from the Southern Dragon Island. The elite fighters of these two islands have been dispatched. May I know who is the commander of the Barbarian Dragon army?”

“Ha ha, you are indeed worthy of being Elder Zhu Li. The old me is still discovered by you even though I am hiding by the side...”

The empty space slowly became distorted after Elder Zhu Li’s voice sounded. A pale-skinned elder wearing simple skin clothes appeared from nowhere and laughed at Elder Zhu Li within the Dragon Island.

“It is actually Elder Man Yan...”

Elder Zhu Li glanced at this elder. His voice did not contain too much fluctuation as he indifferently spoke.

“Elder Zhu Li, hand the person over. We have come under orders... the Ancient Void Dragon tribe has already become like this. I think that it will be extremely difficult to unite the tribe again. The three great Dragon Kings will not allow such a thing to happen.” Man Yan sighed. He he looked at Zhu Li before speaking in a deep voice.

“What nonsense! Hand over? Do you really think that my Eastern Dragon Island can be bullied? If the First Elder and Second Elder weren’t both undertaking a deep retreat, would the three islands dare to come to my Eastern Dragon Island to act arrogantly?” A figure suddenly rushed to the sky. He cried out loud without being afraid of the pressure that spread from the many experts from the Western Dragon Island.

“Hei Qing, you still possess this terrible temper that asks to be beaten up.” Xia Ao glanced at Hei Qing. After which, he turned to Man Yan and said, “We do not have much time to waste. Let’s attack...”

After his words sounded, the dark-golden dragon armor on Xia Ao’s body suddenly emitted a bright-golden light. A monstrous aura swept out of their bodies like a storm. A deep dragon roar was faintly emitted from the golden light.

“Dragon Armor army, attack. Bring back the great person who possesses the royal bloodline!”

Xia Ao suddenly waved his hand. The many figures wearing dragon armor all let out a stern cry in unison. Fierce auras surged out. They transformed into numerous rays of light that charged explosively into the Ancient Dragon Island.

“Ugh... let’s attack.”

Man Yan sighed and gave a command when he saw them attack.

The human figures with naked upper bodies nodded when they heard his order. Their arms rapidly shook when they clenched their fists. In the blink of an eye, their two arms transformed into dragon claws that were covered with pale-purple scales. Their bodies flashed and charged into the Ancient Dragon Island.

“Stop them!”

Elder Zhu Li cried out in a deep voice. His face turned gloomy when he saw the many figures charging into the Dragon Island.

“Understood!”

Numerous blurry figures suddenly charged over from the Ancient Dragon Island after Elder Zhu Li’s voice sounded. In an instant, vast and mighty auras swept over the sky. The muffled sound of flesh colliding violently with other flesh and the loud explosions of energy resonated across the sky.

“Bang!”

Hei Qing, who wore a gloomy expression, violently punched a person with a naked upper body whose hands had turned into dragon claws. The person spat out blood and withdrew. Before he could once again charge forward, Elder Zhu Li had appeared in front of him.

“Hei Qing, go and protect Xiao Yan. Do not allow any accidents to happen to him. Leave this place to me.” Elder Zhu Li spoke in a deep voice.

Although Hei Qing was a little unwilling to leave the battlefield, he also understood Xiao Yan’s importance at this moment. At that moment, he could only clench his teeth. His body pulled back with lightning-like speed. Within a couple of flashes, he entered the deepest part of the Ancient Dragon Island.

“Zhu Li, allow the old me to be your opponent...”

After dispatching Hei Qing to protect Xiao Yan, Elder Zhu Li’s eyes focused on the space in front of him. The grayish-white-skinned Man Yan was slowly appearing at that spot. At this moment, his body was beginning to form some purple dragon scales. His hands had also become sharp dragon claws. Man Yan had turned into a half-human half-dragon with a dragon body, dragon claws, and dragon arms.

An extremely monstrous aura slowly spread from Man Yan’s body after the transformation was complete. Even the surrounding space had become extremely distorted as a result.

“We have not met for many years. I wonder if the current you have broken through the Dou Zun class!”

Man Yan’s eyes also revealed a dark-purple color because of the transformation of his body. He smiled at Zhu Li and his feet gently pressed down. An intense fluctuation suddenly appeared. His body was like lightning as it appeared in front of Elder Zhu Li in an instant. He waved a dragon claw and a frightening energy followed.

“Bang bang bang!”

The entire Ancient Dragon Island erupted with earth-shaking sounds.

Numerous battlegrounds appeared in the sky above the Dragon Island. The originally calm and quiet atmosphere no longer existed at this moment.

Two of the dragon islands had dispatched their elite forces. This fighting strength could wash any top tier faction in the Central Plains with blood. In the face of this sudden sneak attack, the Eastern Dragon Island was initially caught off-guard. Fortunately, it possessed quite a number of experts. After experiencing the initial chaos, the battle was finally stabilized.

While the dragon island had descended into an intense fight, the deepest part of the dragon island still maintained a peacefulness. A frightening temperature still spread over the mouth of the volcano. Within the large cauldron, Zi Yan's body, which was originally hard, slowly regained its softness. One could vaguely sense a terrifying ocean-like energy flowing within her body.

"Swoosh swoosh swoosh!"

Hei Qing's expression was solemn as he stared at the interior of the large cauldron from the air. Suddenly a wave of rushing wind sounds were transmitted from the distance. This caused his expression to change a little. He turned his head, only to see ten exceptionally fierce auras rushing over with lightning like speed.

"Stop them. Do not allow them to disturb Xiao Yan!" Hei Qing coldly cried out when he saw these fellows barging over.

"Chi chi!"

Hei Qing's cry had just sounded when numerous human figures quickly rushed forward and stopped the human figures in the distance. A big battle erupted immediately upon contact.

Although those who had come were blocked, Hei Qing's expression remained quite ugly. He understood that the last Northern Dragon Island would definitely not sit back and do nothing since the Western and Southern islands had received word. With the strength that the Eastern Dragon Island currently possessed, stopping an attack by these two islands

was already extremely difficult. If the Northern Dragon Island were to intervene, it would really be dangerous.

Hei Qing clenched his fist as his eyes focused intently on the skinny young man seated in front of the huge cauldron. He muttered, "Xiao Yan, be quicker..."

Chapter 1306: Awaken

“Bang bang bang!”

An intense energy rippled across the sky like muffled thunder, resonating above the dragon island.

Xiao Yan, who was seated in front of the large cauldron, appeared to be unable to sense the chaotic situation that existed in the outside world. His blood-filled eyes were staring at the inside of the large cauldron. His hands were stiff as he formed a seal and controlled the temperature. This one month without rest and the need to perform such a frightening task would be enough to tire an expert at the peak of the Dou Zun class to the point of exhaustion. However, Xiao Yan had endured this bitter struggle. Despite his endurance, his mind had become blurry at this moment...

Hei Qing's eyes were anxiously staring at the disheveled Xiao Yan. His fist slowly tightened. He was aware that Xiao Yan was already at his limit. Xiao Yan's mind had been extremely tense during this period of time and had never relaxed even a little. Continuing like this would cause him great damage.

“This fellow is really extremely ruthless to himself. If the matter this time around can be resolved, I, old Hei, will become sworn brothers with you and fight anyone that you ask me to...” Hei Qing softly muttered to himself. Even someone as proud as him had no choice but to be impressed by Xiao Yan.

“Bang!”

Hei Qing's voice had just sounded when an earth-shaking sound was transmitted from the distance. Immediately, a ferocious aura rushed over with lightning-like speed. Before the figure had arrived, a wild and unchecked laugh rolled around like thunder.

“Ha ha, it is actually here!”

After the wild and rampant laughter was transmitted over from the distance, that figure arrived near the volcano within a couple of flashes.

After which, it slowly reduced its speed. Everyone glanced over and saw that it was a man wearing dark-golden armor. The man's eyes were golden in color. His face also contained a faint fierceness.

“The fourth commander of the Dragon Armor army, Xia Sha?”

Hei Qing was slightly startled when he saw this person. He immediately frowned. With a gentle wave of his hand, over a dozen figures rushed out of the surrounding mountain forests. They cautiously watched this man called Xia Sha.

“Hei Qing? Hee hee, it is unexpected that I have meet you here...”

Xia Sha watched Hei Qing standing in front of him. Both of his eyes narrowed, but he did not say any unnecessary words. With a wave of his hand, many figures with great murderous intent charged forward from behind him. A mighty dragon roar reverberated across the sky.

Hei Qing's expression sank when he saw them. He nodded and the dozen plus experts from the Eastern Dragon Island swiftly rushed out. They blocked those human figures wearing dark-golden dragon armor.

“Hei Qing, obediently hand over that great person. Otherwise, blood will flow like a river through your Eastern Dragon Island today!”

Xia Sha loudly laughed. His body flashed and appeared about a dozen meters in front of Hei Qing. They looked at each other. Sparks shot between their eyes and a frightening energy quietly poured out.

“We will have to see whether you, Xia Sha, has the qualifications to snatch this person!”

Hei Qing's expression was dark and solemn. His fist was suddenly clenched and he threw a ruthless punch. A dark-black line was immediately formed. Soon after, this dark-black spatial crack rapidly swam toward Xia Sha.

“Hmph!”

Xia Sha also let out a cold snort when he saw Hei Qing's attack. His body did not give in a little as he suddenly threw a punch that violently collided

with the dark-black line.

“Bang!”

An incomparably powerful force spread out in a ripple. Xia Sha’s body trembled before swiftly stabilizing. His foot stomped on the sky, and his body appeared beside Hei Qing in a ghost-like fashion. A ferocious storm-like attack was launched with lightning-like speed.

Hei Qing let out a cold laugh when faced with Xia Sha’s attack. He let out that cold laugh and did not give in. Instead, he collided head-on with Xia Sha.

“Bang bang bang!”

The two figures violently collided together in the sky. Each time a fist moved, it would cause the surrounding air to emit a sonic boom.

The only quiet place had also become chaotic when the two began to fight. However, the skinny figure seated in front of the large cauldron did not show the slightest activity despite this...

“Bang!”

Two figures collided in the air. Fighting energy shook and tore space itself, forming a hundred-foot-wide dark-black hole. These two fighting figures also separated upon contact before pulling back.

“It is really unexpected... the current you has also advanced to the Ban Sheng class...” Man Yan’s footsteps staggered back. The deep-purple dragon scales on his body had become much dimmer at this moment. Both of his eyes stared at Zhu Li a short distance away as he spoke in a deep voice.

Zhu Li’s face was without expression. His strength was similar to that of Man Yan, but Man Yan possessed a special secret technique that could turn him into a half-dragon half-human for combat, making him quite troublesome to deal with. Hence, it was quite a difficult task to defeat the other party.

“Zhu Li, do not continue any pointless resistance. The strength of your

Eastern Dragon Island is the weakest among the four islands. Currently, the three islands are working together. There is no way for all of you to resist. You should hand the person over..." Man Yan slowly said.

"If the Elders of my Eastern Dragon Island hadn't entered the emptiness to train while the First Elder and the Second Elder are undertaking a deep retreat, forget about you, even the three great dragon kings would not dare to come here!" Zhu Li coldly laughed.

"Ha ha, Zhu Li, you should also be aware that it is only an 'if'..."

Zhu Li's cold laugh had just rang out when a soft laugh was suddenly transmitted from empty space. Zhu Li's expression immediately became ugly when this soft laugh was heard. His eyes stared intently at empty space, "Northern Dragon Island... has finally appeared huh!"

The empty space suddenly emitted numerous green lights in front Zhu Li's focused eyes. The green light rapidly became bigger. Numerous human figures rode the green light. They carried a monstrous aura as they appeared in the sky above the dragon island, wave after wave of rushing wind could be heard.

"It seems that I am late. However, it is fortunate that I did not miss the main event..."

A green-robed elder in the sky looked at the chaotic Ancient Dragon Island. He involuntarily smiled as he spoke.

"Qing Yan."

Zhu Li's heart completely sank when he saw this green-robed elder. These three great dragon kings did indeed act in a grand manner. They had actually dispatched one Ban Sheng and two experts at the peak of the Dou Zun class. It seemed that they really intended on taking Zi Yan at all cost.

The old man called Qing Yan glanced at the gloomy-faced Zhu Li after he appeared. He laughed before turning to the deepest part of the dragon island. He said, "Elder Man Yan, you will block Zhu Li. The old me shall personally bring that great person who possesses a royal bloodline away..."

Qing Yan moved after uttering those words. He turned into a light figure that rushed toward the deepest part of this dragon island. Zhu Li became extremely furious upon seeing this. However, Man Yan blocked him before he could give chase. Man Yan's dragon claws danced, cutting through the air to rush toward Zhu Li.

“Bastard!”

Zhu Li was furious after being blocked by Man Yan. Monstrous Dou Qi explosively surged out of his body. Zhu Li ruthlessly rushed toward the Man Yan.

While Zhu Li was blocked by Man Yan, that old man called Qing Yan appeared above the volcano within a couple of flashes.

Qing Yan glanced at Xiao Yan, who was seated in front of the large cauldron. His eyes then paused on the interior of the large cauldron. His brows were knit slightly as he muttered, “That is the great person who possesses a royal bloodline huh? She is only a child. However, the pressure of her bloodline already gives me a clue to her identity.”

“Bring the person away first. Unexpected occurrences might happen if we delay.”

Qing Yan was unwilling to remain for long after arriving. His body moved, and he was just about to attack when a figure flashed and appeared a short distance in front of him. That figure was Tie Jian zun-zhe. He was without expression. His hand tightly held his metal sword while staring at Qing Yan. An indifferent feeling quietly spread...

“You are seeking death!”

Qing Yan knit his brows when he saw Tie Jian zun-zhe blocking him. With his strength at the peak of the Dou Zun class, he would naturally not be concerned with Tie Jian zun-zhe. He waved his sleeve and an energy storm appeared in front of him. It rushed toward Tie Jian zun-zhe in a lightning-like fashion.

“Chi!”

Tie Jian zun-zhe's expression remained indifferent. It appeared as

though he could not see the gap between him and Qing Yan. He raised his large sword up and immediately hacked it down in a simple manner.

The sword landed. Tie Jian zun-zhe's expression immediately became weary. It was as though all of his Dou Qi had disappeared with this sword. At the same time, a palm-sized light emitted a 'chi' sound as it rushed from the tip of his sword. Finally, it collided with that storm.

"Bang!"

The two first stilled upon collision. Soon after, a frightening energy whirlwind explosively surged out.

"Grug!"

The light sword was above the storm. The weary-faced Tie Jian zun-zhe immediately spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. His body appeared to suffer a heavy blow, and he landed in the forest below.

"You really don't know your limits."

The corner of Qing Yan's mouth was lifted in disdain after all it took was a wave of his hand to defeat Tie Jian zun-zhe. Someone of Tie Jian zun-zhe's strength dared to show himself. He really was seeking death.

"Brat, stop your flame..."

Qing Yan stepped through empty space after defeating Tie Jian zun-zhe. He slowly walked toward Xiao Yan and indifferently ordered him.

However, the shriveled Xiao Yan appeared to have not heard his voice. His blood-filled eyes were staring intently at the interior of the large cauldron.

"Another one who seeks death..."

Qing Yan's footsteps slowly halted beside Xiao Yan. He shook his head when he received no response. He slowly raised his hand. Dou Qi surged as he ruthlessly smashed at the top of Xiao Yan's head.

While Qing Yan's hand was violently smashing down, the tightly shut eyes of the girl within the cauldron were suddenly opened. An icy-cold voice that contained an immeasurable amount of pressure resounded

beside Qing Yan's ear. It was like thunder that reverberated through his soul, causing his body to instantly still.

“If he loses even a strand of hair, you shall use your life as repayment!”

Chapter 1307: Dragon Emperor, Zi Yan

The icy cry that resounded beside Qing Yan's ear was not loud, but at this instant, it caused his soul to violently tremble because the cry contained a pressure that he was unable to resist. This kind of pressure originated from his soul and his bloodline...

“A matured royal bloodline...”

A paleness surfaced on Qing Yan's face the moment his body stiffened. His hand, which was close to landing on the top of Xiao Yan's head, suddenly halted. He did not hesitate even a little as his toes pressed against empty air to explosively pull back.

“Chi!”

While Qing Yan's figure pulled back, a purple-golden pillar suddenly shot out of the large cauldron. It penetrated empty space, and within the blink of an eye, it smashed into Qing Yan's body.

“Bang!”

The purple-golden light exploded on Qing Yan's body. A frightening wind caused his throat to feel sweet as he spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. His body ended up flying back in a miserable manner.

While Qing Yan was sent flying, Xia Sha and the other experts, who were fighting with Hei Qing's group around the volcano, experienced a drastic change. They hurriedly lifted their heads, and their eyes looked to the large cauldron, which was surrounded by a flame. A lovely figure vaguely surfaced from that spot. When that delicate figure appeared, they could clearly sense the blood within their bodies showing signs of boiling. They almost could not help but kneel in the sky after being driven by this boiling feeling.

“The true royal bloodline... has been awakened...”

Hei Qing's eyes looked to the large cauldron as he muttered with excitement.

The fiercely burning flame within the large cauldron was slowly

extinguished in front of the many eyes present. A tall figure slowly appeared in front of everyone.

The lady who had appeared was wearing a purple-golden robe. A dragon and a phoenix were dancing on the robe. They appeared as though they were alive, emitting a noble aura that could not be hidden. The figure was tall and possessed long purple hair that poured down her body like a waterfall. Her hair spread over her narrow waist and reached her buttocks.

The lady was extremely beautiful. Her purple eyes had transformed into a purple-golden color. They appeared mysterious, containing a magical charm. Under the gaze of these purple-golden eyes, it was as though the entire world would submit to her...

The current Zi Yan no longer possessed the appearance of a little girl. Instead, she had turned into a mature lady, whose beautiful appearance could bring disaster to a country or a city.

Numerous eyes were initially absent-minded because of Zi Yan's noble aura. Their eyes gathered on the spot behind her. A pair of ten-foot-long purple-golden wings were gently being flapped. Wind was created and the sound of thunder was vaguely emitted when the wings were flapped, shaking one's very soul.

"Heavenly Phoenix wings... Ancient Dragon body..."

The excitement on Hei Qing's face grew even denser when he saw the pair of purple-gold wings on Zi Yan's back. A moment later, he suddenly knelt in the sky. His respectful voice contained a devotion that originated from his heart.

"Greetings to your majesty, Dragon Emperor!"

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After Hei Qing spoke, the experts from the Eastern Dragon Island immediately knelt down with wild expressions. They all gave their greetings in an orderly manner.

Xia Sha, Qing Yan, and the other experts from the other islands also revealed a different expression when they saw this scene. They were not

members of the Eastern Dragon Island. Due to them having submitted to the three great dragon kings for a long period of time, they did not act like Hei Qing and the rest despite having sensed the pressure that originated from their soul and bloodline.

“Xia Sha, Qing Yan, all of you are really bold. You are not kneeling down after seeing the Dragon Emperor!” Hei Qing turned his head suddenly and furiously yelled at Qing Yan’s group.

“Ha...”

Qing Yan and Xia Sha dryly chuckled when they heard Hei Qing’s furious cry. Their blood was completely suppressed upon being looked at by the purple-golden eyes from a distance. This kind of pressure was far stronger than the pressure from the bodies of the three great dragon kings.

“We have seen the Dragon Emperor, but we are all the subordinates of the dragon kings. We will come and meet the Dragon Emperor in the future when we have the time...”

The two of them exchanged looks before hardening their skin. After uttering these words, the both of them no longer dared to remain any longer. Their bodies swiftly withdrew.

“Bastards!”

Hei Qing was extremely furious when he saw these people turning around to flee. He was just about to give chase when Zi Yan, who had just stepped out of the large cauldron, waved her hand. The purple-golden wings on her back were flapped and her body appeared in front of Xiao Yan in a ghost-like fashion. When she saw his blood covered eyes and stiffened hands, her purple-gold eyes, which always seemed to contain an endless amount of nobility, finally displayed a fluctuation.

“Rest first... it has been tough on you.”

Zi Yan’s hand was gently placed on Xiao Yan’s forehead. A rich purple-golden light materialized from Zi Yan’s body. It followed her finger and swiftly entered Xiao Yan’s body. Within the blink of an eye, his body was

wrapped by a purple-golden light. Xiao Yan's blood covered eyes were slowly shut.

"Great Dragon Emperor, it is all thanks to little brother's tireless efforts during this period of time that the Dragon Phoenix crystal has melted..." Hei Qing rushed forward and respectfully explained the situation.

"Aye, I know..."

Zi Yan gently nodded her head. After having transformed to her current form, it seemed that her character had become completely different than before. Her indifferent coldness seemed to contain a nobility that was comparable with that of the world. In the face of this aura, even Hei Qing did not dare to treat her as that mischievous little girl from back then. Instead, he regarded her as the new Dragon Emperor of the Ancient Void Dragon tribe.

"Take good care of him and allow him to rest properly. Leave the matter of the dragon island to me..." Zi Yan handed over Xiao Yan, who was still covered by a purple-gold light, and gave an order

"Understood!"

Hei Qing hurriedly supported Xiao Yan in a respectful manner upon hearing this. After which, he held Xiao Yan in his arms as he swiftly pulled back.

After Hei Qing and Xiao Yan withdrew, the purple-golden eyes of Zi Yan drifted around the Ancient Dragon Island, which was still embroiled in numerous fights. The wings behind her were gently flapped. Her lovely figure immediately appeared high in the sky, appearing as though she had teleported. She looked down at all the battles from high above. A rich purple-golden light continued to spread from within her body like an ocean wave. It scattered over every corner of the Ancient Dragon Island like rain.

"This is... what a powerful bloodline pressure."

"Such a pressure is something that even the three great dragon kings do not possess..."

“That is... Dragon Emperor?”

All the battlegrounds within the Ancient Dragon Island halted almost instantly when the purple-golden light spread. Everyone was completely stunned. While being bathed in this kind of purple-golden light, they could sense that even the blood within their bodies had suddenly slowed.

“This...”

Man Yan’s eyes were shocked as he looked to the sky. The dragon claws, dragon arms, etc. on his body began to transform under the purple-gold light. In the blink of an eye, he once again returned to the appearance of a regular old man. Even his aura had become a lot more sluggish.

“Has it really succeeded...”

Elder Zhu Li was stunned as he studied the figure in the sky. A moment later, an excitement that was difficult to restrain swiftly surged into his heart. Both of his legs slowly knelt in the sky, old tears fell.

“A Dragon Emperor has finally appeared in the Ancient Void Dragon tribe...”

Bang bang!

Numerous figures in the sky, on the ground, and around the mountain respectfully and sincerely knelt at this moment. Even some of the weaker experts from the other three islands hesitated for a moment before they were finally unable to resist the pressure that originated from their blood and soul. Their legs were bent, and they suddenly knelt.

The Ancient Dragon tribe did not kneel to the heavens or the earth. In their hearts, the true god was the Dragon Emperor, who possessed a perfect royal bloodline!

At this moment, many were willing to give up everything because of their inherited bloodline and the faith of their souls. The fact that the Ancient Dragon tribe had been split for many years and that quite a number of experts from the three dragon islands possessed a majestic aura of the three great dragon kings didn’t matter.

“With the appearance of the Dragon Emperor, the three great dragon kings are really going to panic...”

Man Yan softly sighed. Although someone as strong as him did not kneel at this moment, he still bowed his body to figure in the distant sky.

“The matter today has completely failed. With the great Dragon Emperor present on the Eastern Dragon Island, the elites of the other three islands no longer possess even the slightest fighting strength...” Man Yan’s eyes were similarly grave as he exchanged glances with Xia Sha. An ordinary tribe member of the Ancient Void Dragon tribe was unable to attack the Dragon Emperor. Even someone of their strength would not dare to do something this outrageous.

“The commanders from the three islands. Leave with your people within ten breaths’ time...”

While the two of them were sighing, a calm voice that was filled with a prestige that could not be resisted slowly descended from the distant sky.

Man Yan and Xia Ao bitterly laughed upon hearing these words. Man Yan turned his head to look at Zhu Li. He softly said, “The persistence of the Eastern Dragon Island is perhaps correct. However, all of you should be careful in the future. The three great dragon kings are all people filled with wild ambition. They will not allow the great Dragon Emperor to unite the Ancient Dragon tribe.”

Man Yan ceased remaining any longer after he spoke. He waved his hand and led the many human figures into the empty space outside of the Eastern Dragon Island. The people from the other two islands also hurriedly followed. They did not dare to hesitate even a little.

“After you return, inform the three great dragon kings that the Ancient Void Dragon tribe has only had a single Dragon Emperor since ancient times. There are no dragon kings... when the time comes, this emperor will personally retrieve the trace of royal bloodline in them!”

The figure that was covered by a purple-golden light in the sky once again spoke when the experts from the three islands fled into the empty space.

The bodies of Man Yan's group involuntarily trembled when these words entered their ears. It seemed that a great change would occur within the Ancient Void Dragon tribe very soon... this new great Dragon Emperor was infuriated by the arrogant and domineering actions of the three great dragon kings.

The fury of a Dragon Emperor would shake the world...

Chapter 1308: Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor

A blurry conscious drifted within the purple-golden light. Numerous icy-cool auras seeped out of the light before merging with the conscious...

This kind of assimilation continued for a long time before the purple-golden light finally became dim. The icy aura also weakened until it finally disappeared.

Following the scattering of the purple-golden light, the blurry conscious emitted a faint coolness. The conscious finally began to awaken...

Sunlight scattered into the spacious room. It penetrated the window and left behind numerous light spots on the ground.

A human figure was quietly lying on a bed. The figure's tightly shut eyes suddenly trembled. They soon opened with some difficulty.

When his eyes were opened, the glaring sunlight caused Xiao Yan's to knit his brows. He shook his head and the churning memories in his mind immediately surged over like floodwater, causing his head to vaguely feel some pain.

"This place is..."

Xiao Yan sat up from the bed. His eyes were at a loss as they swept around him. He recalled that he ought to be refining the Dragon Phoenix crystal for Zi Yan, and he seemed to recall that the Ancient Dragon Island had been attacked!

"Zi Yan!"

Xiao Yan was startled when he recalled Zi Yan. His palms pressed on the bed. He had just sat up when he heard a 'creak' sound. The hard bed was forcefully turned into dust. He momentarily became stunned. He looked at his hands in a startled manner. At this moment, he realized that his physical strength seemed to have suddenly soared.

"This... what happened?"

Xiao Yan knit his brows. He lifted his sleeve, only to discover that there was a faint purple-golden color vaguely visible beneath his skin. At a glance, it appeared like metal, giving one the thought that it was extremely hard.

“Creak...”

While Xiao Yan was feeling at a loss because of the changes in his body, the door to the room was pushed open. Two figures swiftly walked in. They rejoiced upon seeing that Xiao Yan had woken up. He laughed, “Little friend Xiao Yan, you have finally awakened.”

“Elder Zhu Li...”

Xiao Yan hurriedly got up when he saw the old man enter the room with Hei Qing behind him. Xiao Yan cupped his hands to the two of them and smiled.

“Ha ha, little friend Xiao Yan need not be this polite. You have done our Ancient Void Dragon clan a great favor. We are not worthy of such politeness.” Elder Zhu Li waved his hand and laughed.

“Zi Yan has succeeded?”

Xiao Yan’s heart moved upon hearing these words. He hurriedly asked.

“Yes.” Zhu Li grinned and nodded. Anyone could see his current joy.

“Where is Zi Yan?” Xiao Yan’s eyes swept around as he asked in a stunned manner.

“The great Dragon Emperor has yet to completely absorb all of the energy within the Dragon Phoenix Origin Fruit. After appearing and defeating those who had come to invade, she undertook a retreat. It is likely that the retreat will be quite long this time around.” Elder Zhu Li laughed.

Xiao Yan nodded upon hearing this explanation, but still felt a little disappointed. His heart wasn’t able to relax without being able to see the girl.

“There appears to have been some changes to my body?” Xiao Yan’s

hand gently rubbed his arm before he suddenly asked a question with some hesitation.

“Ha ha, has little friend Xiao Yan discovered it...” Elder Zhu Li smiled and continued, “This was done by the great Dragon Emperor. She inserted a portion of the Dragon Phoenix strength into your body and activated the Ancient Dragon essence blood that you had consumed. Thus, your physical body has been strengthened. The strength of your current should not be inferior to that of a Magical Beast that has reached the Dou Zun class...”

Surprise flashed across Xiao Yan’s eyes. No wonder he had sensed that something was not quite right. His physical body had strengthened an insane amount.

“The Dragon Phoenix strength is not as simple as you have imagined. Focus your mind and activate that unfamiliar strength within your body. See just what will happen...” Elder Zhu Li spoke in a mysterious manner.

“Ugh...”

Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment upon hearing his words. He nodded and shut both of his eyes. After focusing his mind, he swiftly found the foreign energy lingering within his flesh and activated it...

With the activation of this energy, Xiao Yan suddenly sensed that his entire body was emitting a sore feeling. It felt as though a countless number of ants were biting his entire body, causing his heart to be startled. He hurriedly opened his eyes. He was shocked to see that every part of his body except for his head had formed a countless number of purple-golden dragon scales...

These dragon scales covered Xiao Yan’s body, appearing just like armor. They seemed to be indestructible.

“These are the dragon scale clothes. It is a defensive skill that the Ancient Void Dragon tribe possesses. However, your dragon scale clothes are not ordinary. Instead, they are a high grade Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor...” Elder Zhu Li smiled as he studied the surprise that surfaced on Xiao Yan’s face.

“Hee hee, this Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor is good stuff. With this thing along with your actual strength, you will only suffer a minor injury even if you receive a punch from the ninth Tianzun of the Hall of Souls.” Hei Qing laughed. His tone appeared a little envious. He knew a lot about this Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor from the ancient books that only a member of the Ancient Void Dragon had access to.

The shock on Xiao Yan’s face was slowly withdrawn. He clenched his hand out of curiosity. His heart felt a strong indestructible feeling.

“It is indeed good stuff...”

Xiao Yan was aware that his defensive strength had increased by two or three levels because of this Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor. An attack below that of a six star Dou Zun was unable to cause him any harm. Even if he met an expert like the ninth Tianzun and was hit a couple of times, he would not end up with any overly serious injury.

“This Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor will usually hide under your skin. It will immediately appear when you activate it...” Elder Zhu Li laughed.

Xiao Yan smiled and nodded. A thought passed through his mind and the purple-golden scales swiftly returned beneath his skin. They completely disappeared amid an icy-cold feeling.

After manipulating the Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor to appear and hide, Xiao Yan gradually became familiar with it. His heart became more pleased with this thing.

“That’s right, where is Qing Lin?”

After playing with this Dragon Phoenix Armour for awhile, Xiao Yan finally withdrew his attention and asked in an uncertain manner.

“Ha ha, that girl has the soul of an Ancient Heavenly Serpent within her body. Moreover, it the most ferocious nine-headed Heavenly Serpent among the Ancient Heavenly Serpents. This fellow’s natural state is extremely brutal. Even though that girl can rely on the Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils to control it, the nine-headed Heavenly Serpent will definitely bite back as its strength gradually recovers. It will try control

her...” Zhu Li fondled his beard as he spoke with a smile.

“Oh?” Xiao Yan’s expression also changed a little when he heard this reply. It was unexpected that it was not possible to subdue the nine-headed Heavenly Serpent even with the Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils.

“Since that little girl is your friend, we will naturally help her. We have allowed her to train in the Ancient Dragon Tomb after you ended up unconscious. That place is where the many ancient dragons over the generations rest. The dragon aura there is extremely vigorous. It can suppress the nine-headed Heavenly Serpent’s soul, allowing it to be refined and absorbed...” Zhu Li smiled as he gave an explanation, “Therefore, there is no need for you to worry. Once that little girl completely refines the nine-headed Heavenly Serpent, her strength will soar. It will be very easy for her to gain the strength of the nine-headed Heavenly Serpent’s soul since she is in possession of the Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils.”

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. Qin Ling was merely a one star Dou Zun. However, she was able to fight with a six star Dou Zun after borrowing the strength of the nine-headed Heavenly Serpent’s soul. If she were able to refine and absorb it, it was likely that she would, at the very least, become a five star Dou Zun...

Xiao Yan involuntarily smiled and shook his head when he thought of this. If one put it in this manner, this girl’s strength would soar by at least four stars. This was far faster than him absorbing a Heavenly Flame. The Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils were indeed worthy of being called the best pupils in the world...

“In that case, I will remain on the Ancient Dragon Island for a period of time. If we meet something like what happened last time, I will be able to lend a hand...” Since Qing Lin was still training, it was naturally not appropriate for Xiao Yan to leave alone. He mused for a moment before revealing his plan.

“Ha ha, you are naturally welcome to stay. The great Dragon Emperor

instructed us to treat little friend Xiao Yan as a VIP before she left on her retreat. None of us will dare to slight you even a little. After her appearance, the old me sent news to summon the Elders of the clan, who are training in the empty space. These old fellows did not wish to get involved while the Ancient Void Dragon tribe was split. They had left and have not returned after many years. However, with the great Dragon Emperor appearing once again, it is likely that they will return...” Zhu Li fondled his beard and laughed. “Once these fellows return, the Eastern Dragon Island will be impregnable unless the three great dragon kings arrive...”

Xiao Yan’s heart moved when he heard this. It seemed that this Ancient Void Dragon clan, which had been quiet for many years, was finally beginning to act. Should they be united once again, it was likely that their strength would soar once more. At that time, it would return to being an ultimate faction...

“That’s right. Elder Zhu Li, may I know if there is anywhere within empty space where thunderbolts gather?”

Xiao Yan mused for a moment before suddenly asking a question. The Sky Demon Puppet within his Storage Ring had nearly been crippled by that expert from the Profound Sky Sect. It could no longer be used to fight. However, by using the strength of lightning the Sky Demon Puppet could be repaired. Pill Lightning could only be attracted by a tier 7 or tier 8 medicinal pill, which were a little too troublesome.

Pill Lightning would not do. Therefore, he could only consider natural lightning. However such lightning was extremely rare in the outside world, and the lightning there was too weak and too little. They could not provide the Sky Demon Puppet with sufficient energy. Hence, he could only place his attention on the empty realm. This was another realm. Its danger was far greater than the Central Plains. However, this danger contained a lot of mystery.

Elder Zhu Li was slightly startled upon hearing Xiao Yan’s words. He contemplated the question for a while before slowly nodding his head in front of Xiao Yan’s joyful eyes.

“There is indeed a spot within empty space near the Eastern Dragon Island where thunderbolts gather...”

Chapter 1309: Void Lightning Pool

“Swoosh!”

An enormous light shadow rushed through empty space like lightning. A strange ripple spread from this light figure and blocked the omnipresent tearing force that was being emitted from the emptiness.

The light figure gradually approached. Only then would one discover that it was an enormous black dragon. A figure was seated on the head of the large dragon. That figure appeared to be Xiao Yan.

“The Ancient Void Dragon is worthy of its name. Only they are able to roam around as they please within this empty realm. If some other Magical Beast or human expert tried to roam like this, they would not be able to move so smoothly even if they could fly within this place for short distances.”

Xiao Yan looked at the empty space that was swiftly flying by. His mouth could not resist letting out a low exclamation. A spatial collapse could occur within this empty realm at any moment. Moreover, the omnipresent tearing force could tear an ordinary elite Dou Zun into pieces. Unless one possessed the ability to preserve one’s life, there were seldom anyone who dared to travel within this emptiness.

“Little brother Xiao Yan, we should be able to reach the “Void Lightning Pool” that third Elder mentioned...” During the time that Xiao Yan was muttering to himself, that enormous black dragon suddenly spoke with the human language. That tone was surprisingly that of Hei Qing.

“Aye.”

Xiao Yan nodded slightly. His heart vaguely felt some anticipation. That so-called “Void Lightning Pool” was where lightning gathered according to Elder Zhu Li. It was rumored that that space was extremely mysterious. It emitted a natural suction force that caused a large amount of energy to gather in chaos before eventually forming into a countless number of thunderbolts. It was usually quite a dangerous area. If Xiao Yan hadn’t been so insistent, Elder Zhu Li would not have mentioned it.

Hei Qing swung his huge tail in empty space and his enormous body shot forward in a lightning-like manner. In the blink of an eye, a bright glow formed as his body disappeared at the end of the emptiness...

“Chi!”

Xiao Yan’s eyes narrowed when he sensed the whistling wild wind that rushed by his ears. A moment later, he discovered that the end of the empty space had begun to vaguely leak a flickering silver light. There was an unusually wild and violent energy materializing there.

“Have we arrived...”

Xiao Yan’s heart moved as he sensed this somewhat familiar energy. He slowly stood up on the enormous dragon head as his eyes stared at the silver luster.

The silver luster was rapidly growing. A rumbling thunder also resonated next to Xiao Yan’s ears in an earth-shaking manner.

“Hiss...”

Xiao Yan took in the scene in front of him while standing on the enormous dragonhead. His eyes were filled with shock.

A nearly ten-thousand-foot-large ‘lake’ appeared in front of Xiao Yan. However, the interior of the ‘lake’ did not consist of ordinary water. Instead, it was filled with bright silver thunderbolts...

This was a lightning pool that had been formed from thunderbolts!

Loud rolling thunder roared from the lightning pool as Xiao Yan stood in front of it. It caused one’s heart to tremble. Anyone standing at this spot would feel exceptionally small.

“What a dense thunderbolt strength...”

Xiao Yan slowly recovered from this shock a long while later as he muttered to himself. The thunderbolt strength contained within this lightning pool was far stronger than all of the Pill Lightning attracted during the Pill Gathering.

“It is indeed a dangerous place. Little brother Xiao Yan, are you certain

you wish to train here?”

The enormous dragon that Hei Qing had transformed into studied this spacious lightning pool with astonished eyes. The energy of this place caused even him to feel a little afraid. He had not expected this empty space, which was not very far from the Eastern Dragon Island, to be so dangerous.

Xiao Yan smiled and nodded. With this lightning pool, he believed that he would be able to repair the damaged Sky Demon Puppet and rapidly increase the strength of the remaining ten Demon Puppets. It would not be impossible for them to be strengthened until they became Sky Demon Puppets.

If they were able to really reach that stage, Xiao Yan would possess eleven Sky Demon Puppets. This was equivalent to eleven elite Dou Zuns. This lineup was really quite powerful...

“Old brother Hei Qing, I will enter first. I will send a signal if something happens.” Xiao Yan was anxious to enter the pool. He spoke to Hei Qing with a grin.

Hei Qing was helpless when he saw that Xiao Yan really wanted to enter the lightning pool. He could only nod his head and say, “I will guard the lightning pool during this period of time until you finish your training. If you meet any unexpected problems, you’ll release the signal we agreed upon earlier, and I will enter and rescue you...”

“Ha ha, in that case, I will trouble old brother Hei Qing.”

Xiao Yan grinned. He understood that these were the instructions that Elder Zhu Li had given Hei Qing. He ceased saying anything more and gave one last smile and nod. His toes pressed against the enormous dragon’s head, and his body rushed forward with lightning-like speed. A Heavenly Flame swiftly surged and wrapped around his body.

“Splash...”

The moment Xiao Yan charged into the lightning pool, many thunderbolts began to rush over like snakes. These bolts of lightning

smashed toward Xiao Yan, but only emitted a slight muffled sound when they came into contact with the Heavenly Flames. Finally, they would be annihilated. Although the thunderbolts were mighty, they were still inferior when compared with a Heavenly Flame that possessed a destructive strength. This qualification and ability is what allowed Xiao Yan to charge into this lightning pool alone.

A powerful glow erupted around the large black dragon when he saw Xiao Yan land into the lightning pool without a problem. The dragon swiftly turned into a strong figure. Both of his legs were crossed and he sat down within the empty space. His eyes focused on the interior of the lightning pool...

“Bang bang bang!”

Silver snake-like thunderbolts continued to detonate within the lightning sea. Xiao Yan quietly stood within the protection of the Heavenly Flame. The surrounding thunderbolts had perhaps become afraid of the strength of the Heavenly Flame since there were not as many thunderbolts wildly attacking Xiao Yan now.

Seeing that the lightning pool did not riot because of his entry, Xiao Yan also sighed in relief within his heart. He sensed the surrounding thunderbolt strength, hesitated for a moment and finally lifted his foot and walked deep into the lightning pool. He walked in this manner for nearly a thousand feet or so before he finally came to a stop. The lightning strength of this place was quite rich. Moreover, it vaguely gave Xiao Yan a kind of partially present pressure.

“If I venture deeper, it is likely that the thunderbolt strength would be even more terrifying. At the deepest parts, it was likely that even a Heavenly Flame will not be able to block it...”

Xiao Yan revealed an expression of deep thought. This empty realm lightning pool had gathered lightning strength for countless number of years. Naturally, it was extremely terrifying. If he was careless and stir the lightning pool’s retaliation, it was likely that he would instantly be turned to ashes even with the protection of the Heavenly Flame...

“Let’s use this place...”

After deciding, Xiao Yan ceased hesitating and sat down at this place. He calmed himself down a little and waved his hand. The Sky Demon Puppet, which had been beaten by the Elder of the Profound Sky Sect until many holes were present, flashed and appeared.

The dark golden glow over the current Sky Demon Puppet was extremely dim. Every part of its body was dented. Some parts of the shrivelled skin were showing signs of cracking.

“These fellows were really ruthless. Hee, Profound Sky Sect... you will have to pay for this debt sooner or later.”

Xiao Yan laughed coldly. Immediately, he inhaled a deep breath of air. His sleeve was swung and a gentle force pushed the Sky Demon Puppet in front of him towards a spot a short distance away. That place was one where the thunderbolt strength specially gathered towards...

Bang bang bang!

The Sky Demon Puppet had just flown out when the permeating thunderbolt seemed to have been attracted by something. They suddenly turned and wildly smashed onto the Sky Demon Puppet in a violent fashion. However, these seemingly wild and violent thunderbolt were just like water coming into contact with a sponge when they touched the body of the Sky Demon Puppet. All of them would immediately disappear...

Wild lightning danced within the lightning pool. Numerous hundred feet or even a hundreds of feet large thunderbolt began to revolt violently at this moment. They were accompanied by a rumbling thunder sound that struck towards the Sky Demon Puppet from all directions. Under this kind of wild and violent furious thunderbolts, the dim dark golden body of the Sky Demon Puppet actually began to become bright at an extremely slow pace. Some of its dents gradually protruded out once again...

This healing speed was extremely slow. The thunderbolt strength in this place might be enormous but in terms of its actual might, it was inferior to a true five coloured pill lightning. Hence, the healing speed was naturally much slower.

Although it was a little slow, Xiao Yan was still quite satisfied with it. If he was to refine pills in order to attract Pill Lightnings to heal the Sky Demon Puppet, there was no telling just how many high tier medicinal pills he would need to refine. This kind of bitter task would not be any easier than helping Zi Yan refine the Dragon Phoenix crystal layer...

“According to this speed, the Sky Demon Puppet can likely be completely healed within half a month...”

Xiao Yan grinned as he watched the Sky Demon Puppet being wrapped by bright thunderbolts. He hesitated for a moment before suddenly flicking his Storage Ring. Ten Earth Demon Puppets appeared beside him.

“I wonder if these Earth Demon Puppets can be completely strengthened into Sky Demon Puppets here?”

Xiao Yan licked his mouth. A fiery heat danced within his dark black eyes. If these ten Earth Demon Puppets could be evolved into Sky Demon Puppets and that they were to form a formation with the original Sky Demon puppet, he wondered just what kind of level would the final Sky Demon Puppet formed from the superimposing of strength reach.

Xiao Yan’s heart immediately became boiling hot when he thought until this point. This kind of increase in strength was really too alluring.

Chapter 1310: Advancing to the Fifth Star

Thunderbolts roared wildly within the bright silver world like enormous dragons. A rumbling thunder continuously reverberated around this empty space. This mysterious trait was likely something that only existed within this empty space.

A figure was seated within the silver lightning pool. There were eleven puppets seated a short distance from this figure, forming a circular shape with Xiao Yan in the middle. Wild and violent thunderbolts roared wildly outside of the circle. Numerous arm-thick thunderbolts continuously smashed into the eleven puppets like furious pythons. However, these frightening attacks did not cause the puppets' bodies to move even a little. Instead, the color on the puppets grew brighter.

The bolts of lightning in this monotonous realm seemed never-ending. Time began to swiftly pass by like flowing water amid this loud rumbling. Within the blink of an eye, nearly half a month's time suddenly passed...

Xiao Yan was not overly concerned with the puppets during this period of time. After observing them for a couple of days and discovering that there were no unusual changes, he shut his eyes and entered his training state. The deafening sound around him was filtered out. His heart was completely calm...

The interior of the lightning pool contained a rich energy filled with a wild violence that caused one's hair to rise. This kind of energy was something that an ordinary Dou Zun would not dare to easily absorb. However, such a wild violence could not be considered dangerous from Xiao Yan's perspective. After refining a Heavenly Flame by the Flame Mantra, any wild and violent energy obediently became docile Dou Qi that flowed through his veins.

While he shut his eyes and trained, Xiao Yan absorbed the wild and violent energy that was contained within the lightning pool. It caused the Dou Qi within his body to improve within the short half month. He could even vaguely touch the imaginary barrier of a five star Dou Zun.

The swallowing of the Bone Chilling Flame had allowed Xiao Yan to leap from the second star to the peak of the fourth star. However, the exhaustion of his Dou Qi when he was helping Zi Yan refine the Dragon Phoenix crystal was similar to half a year of normal consumption. Adding the five droplets of Ancient Dragon essence blood that contained a great amount of energy as well as the Dragon Phoenix strength left in his body by Zi Yan, Xiao Yan vaguely felt as though he was about to breakthrough after training for half a month...

Of course, this was merely just a feeling. A true breakthrough did not follow close behind because an unexpected change occurred to the Sky Demon Puppet while Xiao Yan was training. Thus, he had no choice but to stop training for the moment.

“This is...”

Xiao Yan frowned as he looked at the Sky Demon Puppet in front of him within the bright silver lightning pool. Its body was emitting a glaring golden light at this moment. The depth of this luster was even richer than before.

Of course, the thing that Xiao Yan was paying attention to was not the luster of the Sky Demon Puppet. Instead, it was the dark-golden skin on its chest. A crack had formed there. Through the crack, Xiao Yan could vaguely see the flickering silver lightning within it.

“Has it absorbed too much lightning strength and reached its limit...”

Xiao Yan’s hand rubbed the crack on the chest of the Sky Demon Puppet. He mused for a moment before he helplessly shook his head. Due to the limitations of the ingredients, this Sky Demon Puppet was unable to continue evolving. Xiao Yan estimated that this was the limit of the puppet that he had personally refined.

“Ugh... how regretful...”

Xiao Yan shook his head in a somewhat regretful manner. The main ingredient he had used to refine this Sky Demon Puppet had been a seven to eight star expert Dou Zong. This kind of expert appeared to be unattainable in his eyes back then, but from Xiao Yan’s current point of

view, it was merely an ordinary level. With this ingredient, the puppet had reached its current five star Dou Zun strength. This was an incredible thing.

Xiao Yan could only extend his hand and store the Sky Demon Puppet, which had reached its peak, into his Storage Ring with a heart filled with regret. After which, his eyes landed on the other ten Earth Demon Puppets. After absorbing the thunderbolts strength for half a month, the bright silver color on the bodies of these Earth Demon Puppets had begun to reveal a golden spot. Having prior experience, Xiao Yan naturally understood that once these golden spots covered the Earth Demon Puppet's body, these Earth Demon Puppet would be promoted into a genuine Sky Demon Puppet.

"These puppets were left behind by an elite Dou Sheng. Given the eyesight of an elite Dou Sheng the ingredients used to refine them are probably much better than mine. However, I wonder where the limits of these puppets lie?" Xiao Yan mused for a moment. However, he did not hold much hope this time around. A puppet was after all a puppet. Regardless of how strong it was, the Dou Zun class was likely its limit. Perfect puppets that were comparable to an elite Dou Sheng... such a perverted thing was not likely to exist in this world, right? Otherwise, how would the people who had put in so much work to reach that level feel?

Xiao Yan gently sighed. He once again glanced at the ten unmoving puppets around him. After which, he sat down again.

One day after another passed within the lightning world. The golden spots on these ten puppets increased in number. In the end, the spots gradually occupied over half of the puppets bodies. According to this speed, these ten Earth Demon Puppets would be promoted to true Sky Demon Puppets within ten days.

While the golden spots on the Earth Demon Puppets increased, Xiao Yan sat like an old meditating monk in the middle of them. He did not move. His expression was stern as wave after wave of mysterious energy fluctuations lingered around his body...

“Gulp gulp...”

A mysterious sound was emitted from the surrounding lightning pool at this moment. Numerous unusually majestic layers of energy lingered around Xiao Yan’s body like a cloth. Finally, they wildly surged into Xiao Yan’s body...

Xiao Yan did not move even a little when faced with this wild and violent energy. His body was like a bottomless pit that allowed the majestic energy to wildly pour into him.

With an increasing amount of energy pouring in, a thousand-foot-large lightning swirl formed above Xiao Yan’s head. The swirl rotated rapidly as uncontrolled energy surged to it.

“Bang bang!”

The lightning swirl continued for an unknown amount of time before gradually showing signs of weakening. At this moment, Xiao Yan’s body was surrounded by bright thunderbolts. Looking from a distance it appeared as though the lightning god had descended, causing one’s heart to feel a pressure of sheer fear.

The lightning swirl became stronger, but in the end, it came to a sudden stop. Finally, it slowly scattered. At the same time, the thunderbolts that existed around Xiao Yan’s body entered his skin amid some ‘crackling’ sounds.

Xiao Yan’s tightly shut eyes finally twitched after the swirl and the lightning disappeared. A moment later he slowly opened them.

“Bang!”

A substance-like thunderbolt suddenly shot from Xiao Yan’s eyes when he opened them. It was just like a huge dragon as a roar tore through the many bolts of lightning. It wildly rushed to the deepest part of the lightning pool, slowly disappearing.

“Hu...”

The thunderbolt explosively shot out like an enormous dragon. At the

same time, a breath that contained some electricity flowed along Xiao Yan's throat and was exhaled. At this moment, it was still possible to vaguely see some electric arcs leaping around his face and robe.

"A five star Dou Zun huh..."

Xiao Yan slowly clenched his hand. He sensed his strength that had increased many times over. An arc was involuntarily lifted on his face. It was unexpected that he was able to successfully advance within the lightning pool. This place was indeed a blessed precious place...

Now that Xiao Yan was a five star Dou Zun, he should be able to reach the strength of the seventh star level if he used the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change. This strength, along with the the Heavenly Flame and the Flame Mantra, meant that Xiao Yan wouldn't need to be afraid even if he collided head-on with a seven star Dou Zun.

"If I meet the ninth Tianzun again, I might be able to kill that fellow if I join hands with the puppets..."

A fierce glint flickered within Xiao Yan's eyes. He raised his head and looked at the ten puppets around him. A joyous expression immediately rose to his face. The bodies of the current ten Earth Demon Puppets had been turned into a golden-yellow color. They had successfully advanced to become Sky Demon Puppets!

"Ha ha, good things come in pairs. Today is really a good day..."

Xiao Yan involuntarily laughed out loud when he saw them. He immediately stood up and stretched his body. He was just about to examine the ten Sky Demon Puppets when his heart suddenly pounded. He abruptly lifted his head, and his eyes looked to the deepest part of the lightning pool. An extremely intense energy fluctuation was being emitted from that spot.

"Can I have sensed wrong?"

Xiao Yan observed the area for a moment, but was unable to discover anything. After which, he knit his brows and muttered to himself.

However, Xiao Yan had just muttered to himself when an invisible storm

shot over from deep within the lightning pool. The frightening thunderbolts were annihilated almost instantly wherever this wind passed.

“What a frightening wind!”

The hairs all over Xiao Yan’s body suddenly stood on end when he sensed this invisible wind.

“Chi!”

While the skin on Xiao Yan’s head felt numb, it was possible to see an extremely miserable figure fleeing from the area where the wind tore through. Ten enormous dark-black heart-chilling thunderbolts followed close behind him like black dragons...

Xiao Yan felt the skin on his head explode when he caught sight of the enormous dark-black thunderbolts. He returned the ten Sky Demon Puppets with lightning-like speed, turned around, and fled without any hesitation...

Chapter 1311: Old Mister Mang

The soul between Xiao Yan's brows trembled the moment he caught sight of those ten dark-black thunderbolts. A wave of indescribable danger entombed his heart. Faced against this unprecedented danger, Xiao Yan did not hesitate in store away the puppets, turn around and flee out of the lightning pool.

Xiao Yan did not recognize the miserable figure being chased by the dark-black thunderbolts nor did he wish to be acquainted. That fellow was clearly not an ordinary person. However, the dark-black thunderbolts behind him were even more extraordinary. Xiao Yan understood that if he were to even touch a little of that dark-black thunderbolt, not even a piece of him would remain...

"This is really the case of extreme happiness bringing about sorrow. It is unexpected that I have actually meet with such trouble within this lightning pool..."

Xiao Yan unleashed his speed to its limits. Numerous after-images continuously appeared behind him. However, the human figure from behind seemed to have discovered him. Moreover, the thing that caused Xiao Yan to quietly cry out was that this fellow did not flee in another direction after seeing him, rather the fellow chased after him.

"Dammit, I do not have the ability to help you..."

Xiao Yan involuntarily cursed when he sensed the frightening pressure that was rushing over from behind. That fellow was clearly intending on finding a helper to join hands and fight the black thunderbolt. However, it was clear that... he had overestimated Xiao Yan.

"The friend in front..."

While Xiao Yan was wildly fleeing with all his might, the rushing sound of wind appeared behind him, and a ghost-like figure appeared beside him. This figure was just about to speak when he became stunned. "Five star Dou Zun? Is this right? You actually dared to come to this empty realm lightning pool with this little bit of strength? Are you sure..."

Xiao Yan almost vomited blood when he heard this voice. He was training properly, yet this fellow had attracted a great amount of trouble. Additionally, he even slighted Xiao Yan's strength.

Silver light flickered under Xiao Yan's feet. He rushed forward with all his strength. Taking advantage of a small opportunity, the corner of his eye caught a glance of the human figure beside him.

The owner of this figure appeared quite old. His head was covered with some white hair. His robes were mostly in tatters. Clearly, they were destroyed by the thunderbolts. However, the thing that caused Xiao Yan to feel somewhat shocked was that this old fellow still gave off a liveliness even with his miserable appearance. It was as though the overwhelmingly destructive thunderbolt did not cause him much harm.

"This old fellow is definitely not an ordinary person! I wonder just where this hidden expert came from?"

A thought swiftly flew through Xiao Yan's heart at this moment. Of course, even if one used one's butt to think, one could tell that this old fellow was not an ordinary person since he dared to step into the deepest part of the lightning pool, where even Xiao Yan did not dare to venture. Moreover, he was easily able to catch up to Xiao Yan even after Xiao Yan had dashed away with all his strength. One could simply see that the speed and strength of this old fellow had far surpassed Xiao Yan.

However, the current Xiao Yan wasn't able to form even the slightest interest as to where this miserable-looking expert had come from because he could sense those dark-black thunderbolts approaching.

"Is this right? Those damn things behind are really too fast, no? Forget it. Little fellow, the old me shall take my leave first..."

That miserable old man had naturally sensed this as well. He let out a strange cry, and the space in front of him distorted as he entered it. The next time he appeared, he was already a thousand meters away...

"Old bastard!"

Xiao Yan was a little stunned when he saw this old fellow escaping as he

wished. He furiously cursed to himself.

Although Xiao Yan was cursing, his speed was not reduced as a result. He clenched his teeth, and his back trembled. Bone wings extended behind him. The wings were flapped, and his speed suddenly soared. Within a couple of flashes, he appeared a great distance away. After which, he simply fled without turning his head.

After unleashing his speed to its limit throughout this journey, Xiao Yan gradually escaped the dark-black lightning. However, he did not dare to slow too much. Lifting his head to take a glance, he saw that he was near the edge of the lightning pool. He increased his speed and charged out of the rumbling lightning pool.

Xiao Yan continued to pant after having charged out of the lightning pool. Fear lingered on his face. It was difficult to imagine just what kind of miserable ending would have befallen him if he had been struck by the dark-black lightning.

“It is unexpected that the lightning pool is not as safe as I had imagined. There is definitely something frightening in the deepest part. Otherwise, that old fellow would not have jumped up and down.” After calming down, Xiao Yan’s expression gradually recovered as he muttered to himself.

“Is that right? You think those things cause the old me to jump up and down? If I was not afraid that doing something might stir a riot within this lightning pool, the old me would have long since destroyed them.”

Xiao Yan’s voice had just sounded when a voice strangely exploded beside his ear, causing him to start. He hurriedly lifted his head, only to see that miserable old man suspended in front of him. The old man’s eyes watched him.

The corner of Xiao Yan’s mouth involuntarily twitched when he saw this old man. However, due to the other party’s frightening strength, he could only swallow the curse in his mouth. He changed the topic and asked, “What are those things?”

“A group of thunderbolt monsters that possess some intelligence...” The old man curled his lips and replied.

Xiao Yan knit his brows when he heard this explanation. However, he did not feel overly surprise. A Heavenly Flame would gain its own intelligence if it existed for a long time. The terrain of this place was unique and lightning had gathered here for a countless number of years. Thus, it was not strange for some unusual beings to be born.

Xiao Yan's eyes swept over this old man, who appeared miserable. His heart obtained a shocking result. It was unexpected to meet an ultimate expert of such a class within this empty realm. However, this person, who repeatedly said 'is this right' seemed to possess a terrible character and had nearly caused him to die.

"Hee hee, little fellow, although your strength cannot make it, you are quite fast. Originally, I thought of lending you a hand, but you unexpectedly escaped..." The old man rubbed his hands together and smiled as he spoke.

"I was merely lucky."

The corner of Xiao Yan's mouth parted, but he was screaming a string of curses in his heart. Who knew whether this old fellow spoke the truth or not?

"Little fellow, those living creatures deep within this lightning pool are extremely strange. They are all formed from lightning. If one can absorb them, they are really great items of nourishment. It seems that your speed is quite good. Why don't the two of us join hands and enter the deep region for fun?" The old man laughed.

Xiao Yan dryly laughed with him when he heard these words. He hurriedly shook his head. Enter the deep parts? What kind of a joke was this? Just one random black thunderbolt could kill him. It was fine when he was unaware of them in the past. Now that he was aware of they existed, he would no longer step into that place even if he was beaten to death. Additionally, one glance at this old fellow and Xiao Yan knew that he was not trustworthy. Cooperating with this old fellow... Xiao Yan really did not wish to attract trouble again.

"Is this right? The courage of the young people these days really cannot

make it...”

The old man involuntarily curled his mouth when he saw Xiao Yan shake his head. He lazily said, “However, it is fate that we meet. My surname is Mang. However, it is likely that a little fellow like you will not know the name of the old me.”

“Surname Mang?” Xiao Yan thought for a moment, but was not aware of such an ultimate expert. It was likely that the true experts of the Central Plains region kept a low profile.

“Ugh, ignorant younger generation...”

Seeing that Xiao Yan really did not recognize him, this old man with the surname Mang let out a sad sigh. However, the words that he spoke caused Xiao Yan to be speechless.

“Chi!”

A wind splitting sound suddenly rushed over from a great distance while Xiao Yan was speechless. At the same time, a clear voice was transmitted over, “Little brother Xiao Yan, are you alright?”

“Huh? You are someone from the Ancient Void Dragon tribe?” That old man with the surname Mang was slightly startled when he saw the figure rushing over. He glanced at Xiao Yan with some surprise, feeling a little strange that an ordinary human would have a relationship with the Ancient Void Dragon tribe.

“Forget it. Since this is the case, the old me shall leave. Little fellow, your performance was not bad. However, there is too much of a gap between you and the old me. You should work hard...”

That old man seemed to be unwilling to meet anyone else. Hence, he waved his hand at Xiao Yan. Before Xiao Yan could speak, the old man had turned around and disappeared in a spatial fluctuation.

Xiao Yan was helpless when he saw the old man disappearing so quickly. He could only turn his head and look at the approaching Hei Qing.

“Huh, I have finally found you. Fortunately, your body possesses the dragon seal that the great Dragon Emperor placed on you. Otherwise, it would not be easy to find you...” Hei Qing sighed in relief and spoke when he saw that Xiao Yan was safe and sound.

“I met with a small accident within the lightning pool. Therefore, I have come out by myself...” Xiao Yan smiled. He did not describe what happened within the lightning pool in detail. After which, he waved his hand and said, “My training is about done. We should return...”

“Alright, I was about to become totally dull from staying in this place...” Hei Qing rejoiced upon hearing that Xiao Yan was finished. He hurriedly nodded as a light soared from his body, and he transformed into an enormous black dragon in the blink of an eye. Xiao Yan moved rushed onto the dragon’s head. After which, a dragon roar resounded and the light figure turned into a flash, which rushed away. Within the blink of an eye, it had disappeared at the edge of the empty realm.

Soon after Xiao Yan and Hei Qing left, another fluctuation appeared in space. An elderly figure appeared. It was the old man with the surname Mang from earlier. At this moment, he was frowning as he looked in the direction where Xiao Yan had left. It was as though he was thinking of something.

“Xiao Yan... this name appears a little familiar...”

An uncertain mutter slowly reverberated across the empty space.

Chapter 1312: Leaving the Dragon Island

Xiao Yan discovered that the atmosphere of the Ancient Dragon Island had changed when he returned. There were also significantly more hidden auras on the island. This kind of discovery caused Xiao Yan's heart to feel a little awed. These powerful auras were likely those Elders from the Ancient Void Dragon tribe who had been training within the empty realm. The Dragon Emperor had appeared once again. These Elders, who were unwilling to fight each other because of a split in the tribe, had once again returned to the Eastern Dragon Island.

Xiao Yan quietly muttered within his heart. Of course, he also understood that this path would definitely not be an easy one. Xiao Yan had listened to Hei Qing when he mentioned some of the information related to the other three great Dragon Islands. The Eastern Dragon Island was ranked as the weakest of the four with its strength back then. From this, one could imagine just how terrifyingly strong the so-called three great dragon kings were.

Although these three big fellows possessed a royal bloodline, theirs were not as pure or rich as Zi Yan's bloodline. However, given their wild ambition, they would definitely not allow Zi Yan to complete the unification. Should that happen, their positions would greatly decline, and there would once again be a person above their heads to order them around. This was something that the three dragon kings would find difficult to accept after they had gotten used to issuing their own orders.

"Ke ke, little friend Xiao Yan, you are finally back. The empty realm lightning pool is too dangerous. I was afraid that some accident might have happened to you there..."

Elder Zhu Li appeared in front of Xiao Yan and Hei Qing soon after the both of them entered Eastern Dragon Island. He smiled at Xiao Yan as he spoke.

"Thank you for your concern, Elder Zhu Li."

Xiao Yan smiled. He cupped his hands to Elder Zhu Li and glanced

behind his back. There were two white-robed Elders there. These two Elders were people Xiao Yan had never seen before. However, Xiao Yan understood from their vague auras that their strengths were likely eighth star Dou Zuns or higher.

“Ke ke, these two are Elders within my Ancient Dragon tribe. However, they had been training within the empty realm in the past and just returned...” Elder Zhu Li smiled and introduced them when he saw the surprise in Xiao Yan’s eyes.

“Greetings to both Elders.”

Xiao Yan smiled. He cupped his hands to the both of them in a courteous manner. The two Elders smiled and returned the greeting, matching Xiao Yan’s politeness. Elder Zhu Li had informed them of the relationship between the Xiao Yan in front of them and the great Dragon Emperor. Naturally, they would not slight him.

“Young master Xiao Yan!”

A joyous cry was transmitted from below while Xiao Yan was chatting with Elder Zhu Li’s group. Immediately, a green figure flashed over and stood prettily in front of him.

“Qing Lin.” Xiao Yan was startled when he saw this lovely girl appear in front of him. He joyously asked, “You have come out of your retreat?”

“Aye. It’s all thanks to the dragon aura within the Ancient Dragon tomb. In addition to that, a couple of Ancient Dragon Elders lent me a hand. Only then was the soul of the nine-headed Heavenly Serpent refined...” Qing Lin sweetly smiled.

“Ke ke, the nine-headed Heavenly Serpent within Qing Lin’s body had yet to be completely refined. However, it won’t be able to do much after this and will sooner or later be assimilated by Qing Lin...” Elder Zhu Li laughed.

Xiao Yan’s eyes swept over Qing Lin’s body. His brows were immediately lifted because he had discovered that the current Qing Lin was slightly stronger than him.

“Six star Dou Zun?”

Qing Lin nodded. She involuntarily laughed with a lovely voice when she saw Xiao Yan’s somewhat helpless face.

“There is no need to be depressed. The Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils is the top mysterious pupils in the world. She is probably the only one in the entire continent who possesses it. Moreover, it is likely that only one nine-headed Heavenly Serpent’s soul remains in the world. If either of these two things had been missing, it would have been impossible for Qing Lin’s strength to soar... moreover, she will only get such an opportunity once.” Elder Zhu Li fondled his beard as he spoke.

Xiao Yan bitterly laughed and nodded. He naturally understood that such an increase in strength would require many extremely harsh conditions. However, seeing this girl’s strength leap by nearly five stars would make anyone’s heart feel a little unbalanced.

“With Qing Lin’s current six star strength along with the strength of the Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils, it is likely that she could even fight with a seven star Dou Zun. Moreover, the snake sealing ability of the Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils has definitely been strengthened. The current her might even possess the strength to seal a seven star Dou Zun expert of the snake tribe.”

Xiao Yan sighed. His heart had gained a much deeper understanding of the Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils. Such a pair of eyes was indeed worthy of being the top on the continent.

“Elder Zhu Li, has Zi Yan still not left her retreat?” Xiao Yan mused for a moment before changing the topic to ask a question.

“Not yet. The great Dragon Emperor will require a long period of time this time around. Even the old me is uncertain when she will leave her retreat...” Zhu Li frowned and replied.

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. He said, “In that case, I won’t be able to remain here for much longer. I have been away for too long. Teacher might be worried if I continue to remain outside.”

Zhu Li did not stop Xiao Yan after seeing that he intended to leave. The atmosphere of the Eastern Dragon Island was currently quite solemn. It was wary of being attacked by the other three great Dragon Islands. It was not very safe for Xiao Yan to remain here. Zhu Li thought for awhile before nodding and saying, "It's just as well."

"Little friend Xiao Yan. You should hold onto this spatial jade token. You can shatter it if you have wish to come to my Eastern Dragon Island. The spatial strength within it will form a spatial tunnel and transport you here." Zhu Li took out an exquisite silver jade token, handed it to Xiao Yan, and smiled as he explained what it could do.

Xiao Yan did not reject this gift. This kind of spatial jade token was something that only an expert at the Ban Sheng class could make. Moreover, it was quite troublesome to craft it.

"In that case, Xiao Yan shall not remain any longer. If there is a problem in the future, I will do my best to help as long as it is within my ability." Xiao Yan cupped his hands to Elder Zhu Li and spoke with a grin.

"Definitely. Help the old me ask about Yao Chen when you return to the Falling Star Pavilion." Elder Zhu Li smiled and nodded at Hei Qing.

Hei Qing by the side waved his hand when he saw the nod. A crevice was torn in space as he said with a smile, "Little brother Xiao Yan, please!"

Xiao Yan grinned. He once again cupped his hands to the few people. After which, he strode into the crevice. Qing Lin and Hei Qing followed behind him. The spatial crack slowly disappeared after the three of them entered it.

There were some deep Magical Beast roars resounding over the lush green mountain range. A crack line suddenly appeared in space amid these spreading roars. Immediately, three human figures slowly walked out. Naturally, they were Xiao Yan's trio, who had just left the Eastern Dragon Island.

"Hu..."

Xiao Yan looked at the endless mountains and the land that extended

into the distance as he stepped out of the spatial crack. After which, he raised his head to look at the azure sky. He involuntarily exhaled a gentle breath. Compared to the endless empty realm, the true continent allowed one to relax.

“Little brother Xiao Yan, you will reach the Falling Star Pavilion in less than half a day’s time if you head north from here. Due to the situation within the tribe, I am in a hurry to return. Therefore, I will not be able to personally send the both of you back to the Falling Star Pavilion.” Hei Qing looked all around. He identified his bearings before informing Xiao Yan.

“I have troubled old brother Hei Qing.”

Xiao Yan smiled, cupped his hands to Hei Qing, and thanked him.

“Once the large matters with the Ancient Dragon tribe stabilize, I will be able to randomly come out as I please. At that time, I will help you finish off the members of the Hall of Souls should I meet them.” Hei Qing patted his chest and laughed.

Xiao Yan grinned and nodded. Hei Qing was meticulous even with his rough ways. His character was not bad. He was someone who was extremely suitable to befriend.

“Alright, I shall not be long-winded. Let’s part ways here!”

Hei Qing waved his hand at Xiao Yan. He ceased saying any unnecessary words as he once again tore open space. His body moved, and he entered the crack...

“Let’s go.”

Xiao Yan smiled after seeing Hei Qing leave. He turned and flew to the north. Qing Lin followed close behind.

By following heading in the direction that Hei Qing had pointed, a familiar scene appeared in Xiao Yan’s eyes within less than half a day. The grand looking Falling Star Pavilion was also partially visible in the distance.

Within the large Meeting Hall of the Falling Star Pavilion, Yao Lao, who was discussing something with Feng zun-zhe, suddenly moved his brows. He softly laughed, "They are finally back..."

Yao Lao's laughter had just sounded when a fluctuation appeared within the space of the large hall. Immediately, two figures slowly appeared from the fluctuating space.

"Xiao Yan?"

Feng zun-zhe was slightly startled when he saw the young man appearing. Shock suddenly surfaced on his face because he sensed Xiao Yan's aura was a little stronger than his at this moment!

"It seemed that you had gained quite a lot from your trip this time around..." Yao Lao spoke with a smile and was not too surprised.

Xiao Yan beamed. He found a chair by the side and sat down. After which, he explained their general situation during this period of time. Yao Lao and Feng zun-zhe nodded gently as they listened.

"It is unexpected you are able to communicate with the Ancient Void Dragon tribe."

Yao Lao smiled. He lifted his teacup and said, "I also have some good news..."

"Oh? What is it?" Xiao Yan was startled when he heard this. His eyes landed on Yao Lao.

"It is related to the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame." Yao Lao replied.

A joy that could not be hidden immediately surged onto Xiao Yan's face when he heard Yao Lao's !

Chapter 1313: Eight Ancient clans

“The last map fragment for the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame has been obtained?”

Xiao Yan’s face was filled with surprise. The Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame was a Heavenly Flame that he had always dreamed of. It was ranked third on the Heavenly Flame Ranking, which proved just how strong it was. With Xiao Yan’s current strength, he could rise to the peak of the Dou Zun class if he were to swallow and refine it.

“How can it be so easy.”

Yao Lao helplessly shook his head, pouring cold water over Xiao Yan. He said, “The Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame is an extremely mysterious Heavenly Flame. Even I have never personally seen it. It is already a great blessing that you have obtained three map fragments. However, it is not so easy to obtain the last map fragment.”

“Ugh... then what is the good news that teacher has mentioned?” Xiao Yan was startled before becoming slightly depressed. Even his voice had become a little weak.

“We have not obtained the final map fragment, but we have come across news related to it.” Yao Lao fondled his beard and softly laughed.

“What news?” Xiao Yan’s somewhat depressed mood was braced. He hurriedly inquired.

“There is a special spatial trade fair held within the Central Plains every few years. An ordinary expert would not know about this spatial trade fair. Even some of the experts whose strength has reached the Dou Zong class would not be aware of it without a special channel...” Yao Lao grinned and said, “This is because the first qualification to participate in this spatial trade fair is that one’s strength must at least reach the peak of the Dou Zong class. In other words, most of those who can participate are the true top tier experts of this continent.”

“Spatial trade fair? Requires one to at least be at the peak of the Dou

Zong class...”

Xiao Yan was involuntarily startled when he heard this information. After which, smacked his mouth. The entry qualification for this trade fair was indeed a little frightening. Peak of the Dou Zong class. Even top tier factions would attempt to attract these people. However, these people barely had the qualification to participate.

Moreover, this so-called spatial trade fair was something that Xiao Yan had never even heard of. It was likely because of the lack of a so-called channel.

“The last map fragment of the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame will appear at this spatial trade fair?” Xiao Yan asked while thinking things through.

“Aye. I have some friends within the people at the spatial trade fair. I have made an inquiry this time around and coincidentally heard this information. The owner of the last map fragment is also aware that this map is related to the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame. However, he plans to use it to exchange for other things since he only possesses one fragment.” Yao Lao said.

“Since he is aware that this map is related to a rare object like the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame, it is likely that the prize to exchange for it will be quite great.” Xiao Yan voiced his thoughts. When he obtained the map fragments in the past, the people who had obtained them from were completely unaware of their meaning. Hence, Xiao Yan had gained a great advantage. This time around someone had recognized it, making it more troublesome to obtain it.

“Aye. However, there is no other choice. This is the only news that we have obtained that is related to the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame. If we do not grab ahold of it, it is likely that we will never come across the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame.” Yao Lao said.

“Forget it. No matter who that person is, since this thing has appeared, I must obtain it!” Xiao Yan mused for a moment before gritting his teeth to speak.

The Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame was something Xiao Yan had coveted ever since he had obtained the first ancient map of this Heavenly Flame. He had gathered the other ancient maps after much difficulty. How could he give up now that he was lacking one map fragment that revealed the location of the flame. Moreover, Xiao Yan would be able to fight against the Hall of Souls if he possessed the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame. He could kill the whatever ninth Tianzun and other top characters with one slap.

Yao Lao nodded. He immediately laughed, "However, I cannot quite remember some things because the spatial trade fair is conducted once every ten years. Quite a number of mysterious treasures appeared, and it was even possible to find a Tian class Dou Skill..."

"Tian class Dou Skill..." Xiao Yan's expression was a little stunned when he heard this information. His heart thought even more highly of this spatial trade fair. A Tian class Dou Skill was usually something those super factions could possess. Moreover, most of them were treasures guarded by the sect. No one could easily take it out to exchange with others. One example was the Great Heaven Creation Palm that Xiao Yan had obtained. If he had not been lucky, he would not have obtained it.

"How much longer until the spatial trade fair begins?" Xiao Yan frowned and asked.

"There's less than a year left..." Yao Lao counted the time and replied.

"It won't be for a long time, huh..." Xiao Yan knit his brows even more tightly. The current him could not help but wish to find the person who possessed the final ancient map. Regardless of what method he had to use, he needed to obtain that ancient map.

"Ha ha, there is no choice. If you anxiously require a Heavenly Flame, you can see if there has been news of any other Heavenly Flames or perhaps snatch it from those who have one. I wonder which faction on the continent, other than the Burning Flame Valley, possesses the most Heavenly Flames." Feng zun-zhe by the side joked.

Xiao Yan bitterly smiled. How could it be so easy to find something like a

Heavenly Flame.

“The faction with the most Heavenly Flames in this world is likely the Yan clan.” Yao Lao smiled and suddenly informed them.

“Yan clan?”

Xiao Yan was startled when he heard this answer. What faction was this? Why had he never heard of it?

“It is one of the eight ancient clans and one of the hidden factions. Its strength is far beyond your imagination. The Central Plains is not as simple as it seems on the surface. The so-called One Hall One Tower, Two Sects Three Valleys, Four Pavilions is merely a general form of address. Some true top factions are hidden even more deeply than the Gu clan.” Yao Lao faintly explained.

“Eight ancient clans?”

Xiao Yan’s heart pounded when he heard this term again. He hesitated for a moment before asking, “Just which clans are these eight ancient clans?”

Yao Lao was quiet for a moment. Only then did he reply, “The Gu clan and Hun (Soul) clan belong to the eight ancient clans... other than those two clans, there are still five other clans that still exist. They are the Yan clan, Yao clan, Shi clan, Lei clan, and Ling clan...”

Xiao Yan involuntarily inhaled a gentle breath of cold air when he heard these names that he had never heard before. This world did indeed exceed his expectations. Originally, he thought that the Hall of Souls was the strongest. It was unexpected that they were merely one of the so-called eight ancient clans.

“It seems that there are only seven clans?” Xiao Yan was quiet for a moment before suddenly inquiring.

Yao Lao stared at Xiao Yan. A moment later, he said, “There is still one ancient clan that has been abandoned, the Xiao clan, which is your current Xiao family.”

Xiao Yan slowly exhaled a breath of air. It was as though he wanted to exhale the many distractions within his heart. He had never imagined that the Xiao clan, located in the corner and only surviving in a second rate city within the Jia Ma Empire, possessed a legendary origin that even he could not have imagined.

Although Xiao Yan was not aware of how powerful this so-called Xiao clan was, it naturally possessed a monstrous strength in order to contend against a faction like the Hun (Soul) clan and the Gu clan. However, the Xiao clan, which had been prominent once, had already been eliminated by merciless time.

“The Xiao clan had once produce a Dou Di. Hence, the descendants of that line possessed the bloodline of a Dou Di. However, this kind of bloodline only reached the generation of your ancestor Xiao Xuan before being used by him...” Yao Lao slowly explained. “The bloodline of a Dou Di might be powerful, but it does not last forever. There is a time when it will run out. To continue preserving the bloodline, another Dou Di needs to appear and provide the bloodline with energy and life...”

“Unfortunately, the Xiao clan has never groomed an elite Dou Di ever since that Dou Di of the Xiao clan. The strongest is merely your ancestor Xiao Xuan. Similarly, his act of staking it all, putting in everything, was still not enough to rescue this declining clan.”

“By now, the so-called Dou Di bloodline of the Xiao clan has gone to waste. I have never sensed even the slightest Dou Di bloodline in your body after so many years. Perhaps you should also be clearly aware of this.”

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. During these years of training, he had relied on himself during the critical life and death moment in order to breakthrough. His Dou Di bloodline was completely useless.

“Ke ke, there is no need to feel any burden in your heart because you don’t need the Dou Di bloodline with your strength. Teacher believes that you will sooner or later rebirth the abandoned Dou Di bloodline of the Xiao clan.” Yao Lao patted Xiao Yan’s shoulder and spoke with gentle

eyes.

Xiao Yan slightly smiled. What could the Dou Di bloodline do? With his current achievement, he was not the least bit afraid even if he met the young experts from the ancient clans, who possessed the bloodline of a Dou Di. The only gap between the two of them was just how much effort they put in, but everyone understood that the process was unimportant. The most important thing was the result!

Nobody was concerned about whether one's training journey was smooth or bumpy. All people look at was one's final achievement!

Yao Lao nodded in a pleased manner when he saw Xiao Yan's expression. This disciple was the best choice regardless if it was in terms of talent or character. Although, he had been immature, the current him had returned to his simple and less haughty state. This continent will sooner or later remember his name forever.

"Why does teacher understand these eight ancient clans so well? Wouldn't an ordinary person find it difficult to learn such information, right?" Xiao Yan's eyes suddenly landed on Yao Lao as he smiled and asked a pointed question.

"Ke ke, cunning fellow, you have guessed something, huh..." Yao Lao was startled before he replied with a grin.

"Does teacher and that so-called Yao clan have any relation?" Xiao Yan softly inquired.

Yao Lao held a teacup in his hand. A faint smile appeared on his elderly face. However, this smile contained a sadness and a bitterness.

"I am indeed a member of the Yao clan. However... I belonged to the type abandoned by the clan..."

Chapter 1314: Jade Invitation

“Abandoned?”

Xiao Yan was startled as he faced Yao Lao in front of him. He only softly asked after a long while, “With teacher’s medicinal refining talent, hardly anyone across the current Dou Qi continent could compare with you. How could you be a person abandoned by the Yao clan?”

“It is because of the Dou Di bloodline.”

Yao Lao hinted at a smile. The emotions on his face slowly withdrew as he explained, “Being born within an ancient clan comes with a far greater pressure than other places. There, one’s status is differentiated by the richness of one’s bloodline. However, both of us are similar. The Dou Di bloodline flowing within my body is so thin that it is insignificant.”

“When I was in the Yao clan, I was eventually expelled due to the failure of a mission I was performing. I was dissatisfied after leaving and began to place all of my effort into pill refinement. I roamed the Central Plains alone, muddled along for nearly a century, and gained some achievements. Back then, I still bore the whimsical thought that the clan would once again summon me back. However, with the flow of time, this kind of hope gradually disappeared...”

Yao Lao softly continued, “This clan might be the place that raised me, but I do not have much feelings for them. My parents had died when I was young. Subsequently, I gradually forgot about them and did not even remember them. Moreover, only some members of the Yao clan are aware that I was once a member of that clan. Even the Hall of Souls is unaware...”

Xiao Yan was quiet. It seemed that Yao Lao felt rejected by the Yao clan. Otherwise, he would not fail to mention a sliver about it after so many years.

“With teacher’s current strength, no one would be able to stop you if you wished to return to the Yao clan, right?” Xiao Yan asked.

“Is there any meaning to returning to that kind of place? During these years, I have only been aware that I am Yao Chen. However, this Yao is not the Yao of the Yao clan...”

“Since they think that the old me is a useless person, the old me shall show them how well I am doing within the Central Plains and that people without the Dou Di bloodline can truly become a top expert...”

Yao Lao smiled when he spoke. He turned to Xiao Yan and said, “Moreover, the old me will show them that even the disciple that the old me has recruited will far exceed the people who possess a Dou Di bloodline, which they so treasure.”

Xiao Yan nodded. His heart felt an additional dislike for this so-called Yao clan.

“Forget it. Let’s not talk about this. There is hardly anyone within this Central Plains region who are aware of these eight ancient clans. However, you currently possess the qualification to know about them. This is the reason why I am telling you this now.” Yao Lao was also unwilling to continue being entangled with this topic for long. He immediately waved his hands as he explained his reasoning.

“As for the faction with the most Heavenly Flames that I mentioned earlier, it should be the Yan clan, which is one of the eight ancient clans.” Yao Lao mused for a moment before speaking, “Based on what I know, the Yan clan should be in possession of four types of Heavenly Flames. Among them, there are two Heavenly Flames in the top ten...”

“Four types of Heavenly Flames?” Xiao Yan was startled when he heard this. This was the first time that he had heard of a faction possessing such a number of Heavenly Flames.

“Other than the Yan clan, the Yao clan also possesses two types of Heavenly Flames. They specialize in ancient medicinal refinement. There are quite a number of experts within the clan. It is likely that you will get a chance to meet them in the future. At that time, you will be aware of their specialty. Of course, there is no need for you to be afraid of them. With your current medicinal refinement skills, the number of people among the

younger generation of the Yao clan who could beat you can be counted with one hand.” Yao Lao smiled as he spoke.

“Countable with one hand...”

Xiao Yan frowned upon hearing these words. If there were no unique circumstances, he likely had the best medicinal pill refinement skill among the younger generation in the Central Plains. However, this ability was only ranked behind the top five within the Yao clan? This ranking caused him to feel a little dissatisfied.

“Of course, you should forget about placing your intentions on these Heavenly Flames because the two great clans have already added an inherited seal that is stronger than that of the Burning Flame Valley’s Nine Dragon Lightning Flame during their countless years of inheritance. You will not be able to refine and swallow them even if you do obtain them.” Yao Lao grinned as he continued to speak.

Xiao Yan nodded with a bitter smile. He also did not possess such thoughts. In order for the Yao clan and the Yan clan to survive until now, their strength was not weak. He currently did not possess much courage to place his intention on them. After all, just one Hall of Souls had already left him in a battered shape. It was not wise to add more powerful opponents now.

“It looks like I can only quietly wait for the so-called spatial trade fair to begin...” Xiao Yan hopelessly lamented.

Yao Lao smiled and said, “The spatial trade fair will require one to wait. However, you still have to make a trip somewhere before then...”

“Where?” Xiao Yan asked in surprise.

“Gu clan, Gu Realm.” Yao Lao softly replied.

Xiao Yan’s hand suddenly trembled when he heard these names. An extremely beautiful face that could bring disaster to cities and countries along with an elegant lotus-like demeanor slowly surfaced in his mind. No matter what the case was, it would not disappear.

“Xun Er...”

Xiao Yan inhaled a deep breath of air. A fiery heat suddenly surged into his dark-black eyes. That little girl had always caused him to worry since the beginning...

“In another month’s time, the adult ceremony of the Gu clan will be held. It is held once every two decades. This is a great event within the Gu clan because those who are qualified to participate in this adult ceremony are all the most outstanding members of the younger generation within the Gu clan.”

“There are not many factions that can receive an invitation from the Gu clan. If I had not advanced to the Ban Sheng class this time around, it is likely that the Falling Star Pavilion would not have received this qualification...”

Yao Lao took a black jade invitation from his Storage Ring. There were many mysterious lines outlining it. It gave one a mysterious feeling. “This is the invitation. Only by possessing it will one be able to enter the Gu Realm. Originally, the old me should be the one heading there this time around. However, you should also be aware of the situation that the current Falling Star Pavilion faces. Although quite a number of old fellows on the continent have joined the Falling Star Pavilion recently, the thing that truly causes the Hall of Soul to be afraid of doing anything funny is this Ban Sheng strength of mine...”

“Hence, I am unable to personally accept the invitation of the Gu clan this time around. This task can only be left to you...” Yao Lao beamed. He handed the black jade invitation to Xiao Yan as he gave a valid reason.

Xiao Yan stared intently at the black jade invitation. A moment later, he finally extended his hand and received it. The Gu clan was a powerful clan that had a connection with the Xiao clan. He was finally about to make direct contact with them, huh...

A faint warmth spread when the black jade invitation entered Xiao Yan’s hand. It also caused his heart to gradually recover.

“Those who have been invited by the Gu clan are powerful factions and peak level experts on the continent. This is also an experience for you. Of

course, with your current strength and reputation, you have reached the level where you are on even terms..." Yao Lao smiled as he asked. "So? Do you have the courage to go?"

"Teacher, you can rest assured..."

Xiao Yan gently tightened his hand over the jade invitation. He smiled and softly said, "This disciple will definitely not cause teacher to lose face!"

"Ha ha, I am not worried about this..."

Yao Lao loudly laughed. After which, he patted Xiao Yan's shoulders and continued, "You should leave after a couple of days. I am aware of the relationship between you and Xun Er. You should be more cautious when you reach the Gu clan area. That girl is extremely outstanding within the Gu clan. I am aware that she possesses the most complete Dou Di bloodline within the Gu clan in so many years. She has the greatest chance of breaking through to that legendary level. Hence... it is not easy if you wish to be with her."

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. He had already vaguely sensed Xun Er's position within the Gu clan a long time ago. However, her voice and smile were like carving blades that left deep impressions within Xiao Yan's soul. He was unable to remove them. In this world, there was no strength that could remove this imprint, even the powerful Gu clan could do nothing!

"You should also bring Tianhuo zun-zhe and the Little Fairy Doctor along when you head to the Gu Realm." Yao Lao said. "After helping Tianhuo zun-zhe refine some medicinal pills, his strength has recovered to a six star Dou Zun. I only helped the Little Fairy Doctor refine a little of her Woeful Poison Body. After which, I asked her to head to a place on her own."

"What place?"

Xiao Yan asked in a startled manner when he heard this.

"An old tomb that an ordinary person is unaware of. She will be able to obtain the method to completely control the Woeful Poison Body there. The Poison Pill method that I left behind was obtained from that place..."

Yao Lao fondled his beard, grinned, and replied.

“Oh?”

Xiao Yan was surprised. This Poison Pill method was not left behind by Yao Lao?

“Just what kind of mysterious person created such a wonderful method? Why does that person have such a great understanding of the Woeful Poison Body?” Xiao Yan asked in surprise.

“It is likely that there will not be a second person who understands the Woeful Poison Body more than her because she was also in possession of a Woeful Poison Body when she was alive. However, she does not possess the good luck of the Little Fairy Doctor. The method to control the poison body was also something that she had created when she was about to die...” Yao Lao said.

“She actually also had the Woeful Poison Body... no wonder...”

“The Little Fairy Doctor will obtain the method to completely control the Woeful Poison Body at the place where that person rests. At that time, she will be the first person in history to truly control the Woeful Poison Body...” Yao Lao laughed as he said, “When the Little Fairy Doctor returns, it will be time for you to head to the ancient realm!”

Xiao Yan slowly nodded. He curled his lips. His hand suddenly tightened on the jade invitation.

“Xun Er... I said that the next time we meet will be at the Gu clan! Therefore, wait for me!”

Chapter 1315: Great Single Soul Skill

Xiao Yan remained within the Falling Star Pavilion while he waited for Little Fairy Doctor to return. While he waited, Xiao Yan did not train his Dou Qi. Instead, he had turned his attention to the training of his soul.

The strength of one's Spiritual Strength was related to the tier of an alchemist. Ever since Xiao Yan's spirit had advanced to the soul state, he had not paid much attention to it due to needing to train his Dou Qi. After all, as a tier 8 alchemist, those of the same generation within the central plains who could beat him were extremely rare, but after hearing Yao Lao's explanations, he understood that this little achievement was not something to be of proud. His current alchemist level could barely be squeezed into the top five of the younger generation within that mysterious Yao clan. This fact, which had been spoken from Yao Lao's mouth, left a great pressure on Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan understood that he would probably come into contact with the Yao clan in the future due to his relationship with Yao Lao. No matter what the case was, he couldn't let Yao Lao lose face. Hence, from the way he saw it now, a tier 8 alchemist was a little inadequate.

When speaking about raising an alchemist's tier, it would undoubtedly mean raising one's Spiritual Strength state. However, the four great spiritual states were not things that one could advance to just because wanted to...

“Mortal, Soul, Heavenly, Di...”

Xiao Yan was at the soul state within the four great spiritual states. However, there were very few people in the Central Plains who knew how to train one's soul. Among the people who Xiao Yan was acquainted with, the number of people whose spirit had surpassed the soul state and stepped into the Heavenly State would not exceed one's fingers. The three giant heads of the Pill Tower possessed this ability. Yao Lao, who had currently advanced to the Ban Sheng class, was also within this category. Even though this was the case, Xiao Yan was certain that they were still at

the Heavenly State. As for the extremely mysterious Di state, it was likely that this continent did not possess an alchemist at this level.

“My current alchemist tier should likely be at the peak of the initial tier 8 level...”

Xiao Yan revealed an expression of contemplation within the quiet room. Normally speaking, an alchemist who could refine a four-colored Pill Lightning medicinal pill could be considered to be at the peak of the initial tier 8 level. Although the Pill Lightning that Xiao Yan had attracted during the Pill Gathering had five colors, the final color had not been very pure. Hence, he only placed himself at the peak of the initial tier 8 level.

Attracting an additional Pill Lightning color for a medicinal pill within the tier 8 level involved a great gap that was as far as the heavens and earth. Hence, some of the alchemist gurus who could attract a five-colored Pill Lightning were at the intermediate tier 8 level. Only if one attracted eight-colored or more Pill Lightning could one be called a tier 8 advance level alchemist. However, the people of this level were existences countable with one's fingers even within the Pill Tower.

“My spirit should belong to the initial Soul State stage. In terms of Spiritual Strength alone, it is comparable to other intermediate Soul State experts...” Xiao Yan frowned. He had not trained his spirit much during this period of time. Thus, the progress of his Spiritual Strength had been quite slow. It seemed that he needed to fork over more time in the future. There must not be favoritism between Dou Qi and Spiritual Strength. After all, these two things were extremely important to Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan clenched his hand when he thought of this. A scroll that was formed from ancient skin appeared in his hand. The skin of the scroll was a dark-yellow. At a glance, one could tell that it had existed for a long time.

Xiao Yan carefully pulled open the scroll. No characters appeared on it. Xiao Yan did not feel surprise upon seeing this. Spiritual Strength spread from between his brows. After which, it slowly covered the scroll.

Following the presence of Xiao Yan's Spiritual Strength, some invisible

ripples quietly formed on the skin. Then, wave after wave of information poured into Xiao Yan's mind through his soul.

“Great Single Soul Skill...”

The information flowed into Xiao Yan's head and immediately transformed into large mysterious characters that surfaced deep within his mind. After a careful examination, it was uncovered that this was a Qi Method to train one's soul.

Of course, this soul-training method was the prize that Xiao Yan had obtained as the champion of the Pill Gathering. Xiao Yan had studied it frequently after obtaining it, but he had not formally trained with it yet. He was about to travel to the Gu Realm, and there was no telling just what he would meet there. It was definitely not wrong to be a little better prepared.

Yao Lao had also studied this so-called “Great Single Soul Skill.” His evaluation of it was not bad. After all, this thing was an object from the ancient times. Spiritual training during ancient times consisted of a number of aspects compared to the future generation of Qi Methods. Hence, Xiao Yan did object to practicing this Qi Method. Both his spiritual training method and this “Great Single Soul Skill” had their own advantages.

Xiao Yan shut his eyes, and his mind sank into that mysterious soul training method. It was a long time later before he slowly opened them.

“This Great Single Soul Skill is full of unique aspects. No wonder it was the reward of the Pill Gathering champion. The few lines of the word formula that I had obtained, were shabby compared to this...”

Xiao Yan carefully studied this “Great Single Soul Skill.” He gradually touched something while training his Spiritual Strength. He was not a new person. The control over his soul was at a grandmaster level. The “Great Single Soul Skill” training formula might be vague, but it was not difficult for him to understand. After some thought, the areas that he had been lost in in the past suddenly opened up. It was that insightful feeling after parting the dark clouds and seeing the bright moon.

While Xiao Yan was feeling pleased, the spiritual strength that lingered

between his brows slowly began to rotate. A numb feeling was vaguely emitted from between his brows. After which, Xiao Yan suddenly sensed an unusual suction force being emitted. The surrounding air rippled as bits of Spiritual Strength seeped out and poured into his brows.

“Hu...”

Upon sensing this change, Xiao Yan slowly inhaled a deep breath on top of feeling shocked. Was this the change that occurred after possessing a complete Qi Method? No wonder the alchemists from the ancient times were in their heyday. These ancient Spiritual Strength training methods were full of unique aspects.

“With this complete training method, my spiritual training in the future will finally enter the right track. If I am was lucky enough, his spiritual state would be able to reach the intermediate soul state. At that time, refining a medicinal pill with more than five-colored Pill Lightning would not be impossible.”

An expression of joy filled the area between Xiao Yan’s brows. The surprise that this Great Single Soul Skill gave him far exceeded what he had expected. At this moment, he regretted not having practiced it earlier. Otherwise, his Spiritual Strength would have stepped into the intermediate Soul State level.

Of course, this regret merely lasted for a flash before it disappeared. It was difficult to achieve everything. During this period of time, he might have neglected the training of Spiritual Strength, but his improvement in terms of Dou Qi was quite pleasing. Within a short two years, he had rose from the peak of the Dou Zong class to his current five star Dou Zun status. This speed could make up for all losses.

Xiao Yan only smiled in satisfaction after having firmly remembered all of the information within the Great Single Soul Skill. He returned it to his Storage Ring and once again focused his mind on the training method. This continued for a couple of hours before he opened his eyes in a refreshed manner.

“A miraculous effect beyond my expectations...”

Xiao Yan praised with his mouth. He mused for a moment before clenching his hand. A bright-red scroll once again appeared. Following the appearance of this scroll, a wave of rich fire energy billowed out.

This bright-red scroll was the scroll that Xiao Yan had snatched from the Dou Sheng remains back then. However, it had been left in cold storage by Xiao Yan after he had obtained it. After all, everything was not worth mentioning when compared to the Great Heaven Creation Palm, but he had just remembered it. This thing was ultimately an object belonging to a Dou Sheng and would not be lousy. There was nothing bad in having more techniques in one's hands.

“Earth Resolve Flame—Di class high grade Dou Skill. It is unleashed through a strange method. One's Dou Qi needs to be inserted into the land to create an extremely hot gas stream. The stream of gas will then shoot out of the ground under the opponent's feet in an unexpected manner. The attack will not reveal any sound nor presence as it delivers a fatal blow to the other party... this Dou Skill possesses some requirements in terms of the terrain. The closer one is to a volcanic area, the greater its strength...

Xiao Yan swiftly absorbed the information within the bright-red scroll into his mind. His heart was a little interested. This Earth Resolve Flame was not like other Dou Skills that required large-scale build-ups. Its silence and lack of aura could catch others off-guard. The terrain requirement did not impede Xiao Yan. He was a human volcano with four types of Heavenly Flames. If the Heavenly Flame's strength was poured into the gas stream, the might of this Dou Skill would become even more powerful.

“It is indeed worthy of being apart of the collection of an elite Dou Sheng. It is far from ordinary...”

Xiao Yan softly praised. He was aware that he had added another task: to successfully learn this so-called “Earth Resolve Flame!”

Seven days swiftly passed. During these seven days, Xiao Yan immersed himself in training. He practiced the Great Single Soul Skill and the Earth

Resolve Flame during this time. He forgot about food and sleep, but was gaining a deeper understanding of these two skills.

When this bitter training continued to its eighth day, a familiar aura finally appeared within his senses. That aura belonged to the Little Fairy Doctor!

“She has... actually become this strong, huh...”

Even with Xiao Yan’s temperament, he involuntarily inhaled a gentle breath of air when he sensed the degree of strength in this aura.

Chapter 1316: Hurrying to the Eastern Region

Xiao Yan swiftly pushed open the door and walked out. He saw a beautiful figure in snow-like clothes on the edge of the quiet courtyard in front of his room. The figure was standing there elegantly. The smile on the lady's face was extremely alluring.

“Have you finally returned...”

Xiao Yan stopped walking. He looked at the lady, who stood in scattered sunlight, and was involuntarily startled. The Little Fairy Doctor's snow-like hair had once again regained its original color. Long black hair poured down her back like a waterfall, randomly spreading behind her. A gentle wind blew over, causing her hair to sway...

The appearance of the Little Fairy Doctor was the same as when Xiao Yan had first met her back in Qingshan Town within the Jia Ma Empire, except her alluring demeanor had become more potent. Even the gentle smile on her face was the same.

The current her was the true Little Fairy Doctor!

Back then, she had rescued the dead and supported the injured within the Qingshan Town. She had been viewed as a fairy in the heart of a countless number of mercenaries!

“Why? Don't you recognize me?”

The Little Fairy Doctor took a couple of steps forward and arrived in front of Xiao Yan. She looked at his stunned expression and involuntarily laughed.

“Your hair...” Xiao Yan muttered. His eyes suddenly paused on the Little Fairy Doctor's smooth forehead. There was a faint, grayish complicated imprint at that spot. At a glance, it appeared just like a seal.

“This is the spot where the Woeful Poison Body exists. At this moment, all the Woeful Poison Qi within my body has transformed into this seal.

That elder is really an extraordinary person. She was able to create a method to completely condense the Woeful Poison Body...” The Little Fairy Doctor gently rubbed the symbol on her smooth forehead as she laughed.

Xiao Yan nodded while feeling at a loss. His eyes swept over the Little Fairy Doctor before he bitterly laughed, “From what I can sense, the aura that you currently possess is likely even stronger than Tian Huo zun-zhe, right?”

“It should be at the seventh star.” The Little Fairy Doctor replied with a sweet smile. Sealing the Woeful Poison Body appeared to have caused the large rock in her heart to fully scatter. Her smile now was more relaxed and more tempting.

“A seven star Dou Zun.” Xiao Yan involuntarily sighed when he heard this. Putting it this way, it seemed that even the Little Fairy Doctor had raised her strength by three stars or so. This caused Xiao Yan, whose strength had barely risen by two stars after swallowing a Heavenly Flame, to feel extremely speechless. Why was it that he was acquainted with people who could not be a little more ordinary?

“My body had gathered too much poison Qi. The best evidence of this was the transformation of my hair into a white color, but after practicing the Qi Method that the elder had left behind, the poison Qi that I had gathered became a tonic. Otherwise, I would not have been able to make this leap...” The Little Fairy Doctor gently explained.

Xiao Yan helplessly nodded. He was naturally happy that the Little Fairy Doctor and the others could experience such a lucky encounter. From another point of view, the increase in their strengths could be considered an increase in his. Nevertheless, this kind of rising speed was a little shocking...

Everyone’s strength had basically soared within less than one year, and they had all reached quite a strong level. With the lineup of Xiao Yan’s group, they would be able to kill the ninth Tianzun from the Hall of Souls should they meet him again!

A person who appeared to only possess a five star strength but was able

to unleash a frightening combat strength that was comparable to a six star or even seven star expert along with two six star Dou Zuns and an expert seven star Dou Zun with the Woeful Poison Body. As long as the Hall of Souls did not activate a Ban Sheng class ultimate expert, this lineup would be able to escape in one piece even while being chased by the Hall of Souls...

“Since you have arrived, it is time for us to leave...”

Xiao Yan gradually recovered from the joy of the great increase in the Little Fairy Doctor’s strength. He stretched his lazy waist and laughed in an indolent manner.

“Aye.”

The Little Fairy Doctor smiled when she heard Xiao Yan’s decision and did not object. Her heart felt quite happy with quietly helping him do things from behind...

The second day after the Little Fairy Doctor returned to the Falling Star Pavilion, Xiao Yan’s group once again gathered together. After some preparations, the four of them quietly left. Other than Yao Lao and a few others, they did not alert anyone as they left...

The Gu Realm was located in the eastern region of the Central Plains. Most of the factions in that region were subordinates of the Gu clan. However, the supreme leader of this eastern region was foreign to even some of the leaders of these factions. They only knew that this exceptional existence possessed an extremely frightening strength. If one wished to muddle along within this incomparably vast eastern region, a subordinate faction with the Gu clan above them possessed an effective powerful card.

The Gu clan was a mysterious and powerful clan with talent that caused an ordinary person to feel extreme envy since the ancient times. The training path that was unusually tough in the eyes of an ordinary person appeared like a flat wide road that led to the sky in the eyes of someone from the Gu clan. All they needed was tiny bit of training in order to become an expert in the eyes of an ordinary person, swiftly surpassing those of the same generation who trained with great effort. Ultimately,

those many dazzlingly lights would overlap above people's heads.

Thus, the Gu clan retained a mysterious luster in the eyes of many people within the eastern region. Even in some distant areas, there were people who thought of them as gods. That fanaticism caused an ordinary person to feel disbelief because everyone knew that there was no divine being in this world...

The Falling Star Pavilion was far from the eastern region. Even with the speed of Xiao Yan's group and the use of some wormholes, it would require at least half a month to reach the eastern region.

Xiao Yan's group could only hurry in. By counting the time, there was merely less than a month until the adult ceremony. If they were late, it was likely that they would miss this rare occasion.

“Chi!”

An enormous black figure rushed through the azure sky. Wave after wave of wind and airflow was made visible to the naked eye.

“According to this speed of ours, we should reach the eastern region tomorrow. However, it is rumored that the entrance to the Gu Realm is located in a city called Gu Sacred City within the eastern region...” A couple of figures were seated on the enormous body of a Nine Serene Deep Ground Python. The Little Fairy Doctor held a map in her hand as she explained the situation to Xiao Yan in front of her.

“Gu Sacred City, huh...” Xiao Yan nodded. He had heard of this name. The reputation of this city in the eastern region surpassed the Pill Tower's Holy Pill City because it was the entrance to the Gu Realm!

“The Gu Sacred City is a city that prohibits outsiders from entering. Quite a number of experts from the Gu Realm guard it. If one does not possess an invitation card, even top Dou Zun experts would not be able to barge into it even if they wanted to.” The Little Fairy Doctor laughed.

“However, this is not a problem for us. There are quite a number of large cities within the eastern region that possess a wormhole that connect to the area around the Gu Sacred City. At that time, all we need is to use a

wormhole to reach the Gu Sacred City. If no unforeseen circumstances occur, we will appear outside the Gu Sacred City in five days.”

Xiao Yan nodded. He turned to Qing Lin and asked, “There have been no problems, right?”

“Aye, there is not a single spatial fluctuation within a fifty kilometer radius... we have left very abruptly. Even if the Hall of Souls wishes to follow us, it would not be easy to do so.” Qing Lin slightly nodded. Three tiny black spots were slowly rotating within her eyes. Any energy fluctuations within a fifty kilometer radius were captured by her eyes. With Qing Lin as a scout, it would be quite difficult for the Hall of Souls to follow them and launch a surprise attack.

Xiao Yan smiled when he heard this. He said, “In that case, increase our speed...”

That large tail of the Nine Serene Deep Ground Python was suddenly swung when his words sounded. Its enormous body shot forward like a meteorite and disappeared into the horizon within the blink of an eye...

Xiao Yan’s trip was smooth throughout the way. On the morning of the next day, his group had arrived in the territory belonging to the eastern region of the Central Plains. However, they did not stop along the way. Instead, they found a large city with a wormhole that led to the area around the Gu Sacred City. After which, they entered it without stopping.

While they were shuttling through the wormhole, Xiao Yan’s group was a little surprised to discover that this wormhole was extremely lively. Occasionally, a ray of light would flow by within the spatial tunnel. One could even see some experts walking in the air. The weakest person that Xiao Yan saw was a Dou Zong. Clearly, these people were all heading to Gu Sacred City. However, he didn’t know which factions these people belonged to...

Due to the area being crowded and messy, Xiao Yan’s group did not chat with those around them. Instead, they quietly traveled. Another five days swiftly passed...

On the fifth day, Xiao Yan, who had kept his eyes shut, slowly opened

them. His eyes focused on the end of the silver spatial tunnel. The spatial energy rippled. A silver light cluster vaguely appeared...

“Have we finally arrived...”

Xiao Yan gently sighed as he studied that light cluster. A fiery heat quietly climbed into his heart. That alluring figure that could bring disaster to countries and cities gradually became clearer within his mind.

“Xun Er... I have arrived...”

That youth, who had once been shaken by this mysterious clan to the point of being speechless, was finally about to meet them!

Chapter 1317: Enemies Frequently Cross Paths

An incomparably vast grassy plain extended into the distance. A lush-green color filled one's eyes, emitting an exuberant life force. A majestic and towering large stone square stood here. The large stone square was around a thousand feet in size. It was supported by a countless number of enormous stone pillars. From a distance, it appeared like a giant standing between the sky and earth, giving one a spectacular feeling.

A distorted color appeared above this huge stone square. Occasionally, some silver lights would flicker and numerous figures rushed out of them to gently land in the square. This extremely spacious square was filled with people. Noise gathered together and charged to the clouds.

“Chi...”

The space in the air once again distorted at this moment. A couple of figures came out of it. These figures steadily landed on the large stone platform. They lifted their eyes and looked around them while a surprise surfaced on their faces..

“This should be the Gu Stone Square that is mentioned on the map. It seems that we did not take a wrong turn.” The Little Fairy Doctor smiled as she glanced around this majestic and towering large stone platform. After which, she informed Xiao Yan beside her.

“Aye.” Xiao Yan nodded. His eyes swept over this enormous platform. With his eyesight, he was naturally able to sense that the auras on the platform were all quite strong. There were even some auras that even he had to treat seriously.

“It is indeed worthy of being the Gu clan. Those who can be invited by them are all true experts. This ability to gather people is really quite frightening...” Tian Huo zun-zhe by the side nodded slowly and exclaimed.

Xiao Yan smiled. He looked to the east. He could vaguely see the outline of an extremely enormous city at the edge of his sight. He said, “That place

is our destination, the Gu Sacred City... let's go."

An impatience surfaced on Xiao Yan's face when he finished speaking. His heart was curious to learn more about this mysterious Gu Realm. Moreover, there was still the tomb of his Xiao clan ancestor within the Gu Realm. Being his descendant, Xiao Yan needed to make a trip there no matter what.

Naturally, no one objected to Xiao Yan's words. The group ceased delaying at this moment. Their bodies moved, and they rushed into the high sky before flying in the direction of the distant city.

There were quite a number of people taking the same route as Xiao Yan's group. From the flying speed of these people, it was possible to tell that they were all quite strong. However, Xiao Yan did not meet any faction that he was familiar with along the way. Only then did his heart feel awed. It was said that the Central Plains had many hidden experts. These words were indeed true now that he had experienced them. The strength of these experts was not the least bit inferior to some top faction Elders. Normally, they would not reveal themselves. They kept such low profiles that it was frightening.

Although the grassy plains were vast, it was nothing to Xiao Yan's group. Within less than ten minutes, the vaguely visible city had appeared in their sight.

Xiao Yan was a little stunned when he saw this city for the first time because this city was not filled with a dominating aura as they had imagined. The city was built from large pale-green rocks. Perhaps it was due to the erosion of time, but this city appeared to have decayed. An unusually ancient aura spread from the city, causing one to sense a slight ancient feeling.

As they approached, Xiao Yan's group finally discovered that this ancient city was encased in a transparent light barrier. This light barrier might appear thin and frail, but it created a pressure that seemed to originate from the soul. This pressure caused quite a number of people's expressions to change. Respect appeared on the faces of the experts

familiar with the origins of the city...

“This Gu Sacred City has stood since ancient times. It is rumored that it was built by the elite Dou Di from the Gu clan. The light barrier contains part of the Dou Di’s strength. With the protection of this light barrier, this Gu Sacred City is impenetrable.” Tian Huo zun-zhe softly explained. It seemed that he was familiar with this city.

“Dou Di’s strength... no wonder it is this frightening.”

Xiao Yan came to a sudden understanding. No wonder the pressure he felt within his soul was growing denser the closer he approached the city.

“As an act of respect to an elite Dou Di, flying is forbidden within a ten-thousand-foot radius of the Gu Sacred City. We will have to walk in on foot. Otherwise, the pressure would increase.” Tian Huo zun-zhe smiled. After which, he took the lead to land on the ground. Xiao Yan’s group quickly followed from behind. Their speed was not reduced even after they had landed. They transformed into numerous blurry figures that quickly rushed to the ancient city.

Xiao Yan’s group slowly stopped in front of the entrance to the Gu Sacred City. The Gu Sacred City was not a city that one could randomly enter. Unless one obtained an invitation from the Gu clan, an ordinary person was prohibited from entering it. Although the procedure to enter the city was extremely complicated, no one dared to behave atrociously due to the renowned reputation of the Gu clan.

Xiao Yan’s group followed the rest of the people and slowly advanced. Some time later, they finally arrived at the entrance of the city. Xiao Yan swept his gaze around, only to see nearly a hundred black-armored figures holding long spears and standing straight on both sides of the city’s gate. Sharp eyes continued to roam around. Wave after wave of powerful auras radiated their bodies, causing one to involuntarily exclaim that the Gu clan was really grand.

Xiao Yan’s eyes shifted away from these black armoured human figures. Suddenly, they paused on a familiar figure at the city’s entrance. His eyes immediately narrowed.

“Ling Quan...”

A figure was standing tall and straight at the entrance to the city. The pale-green armor that he wore caused him to appear a little colder. His back swayed with the wind, causing him to appear to be in high spirits. This familiar figure was naturally that of the commander of the Black Submerged Army, Ling Quan, who had formed a grudge with Xiao Yan. It was unexpected that Xiao Yan would end up meeting Ling Quan the moment he arrived at Gu Sacred City. It was really the case of enemies frequently crossing paths.

When Xiao Yan noticed Ling Quan, Ling Quan’s cold stern eyes found him. Ling Quan was immediately startled before his face swiftly became dark and solemn.

“Xiao Yan, who allowed you to head to this place?”

Ling Quan’s ugly expression and cold cry caused quite a number of eyes to emit a ‘swoosh’ sound as they shifted. Finally, they paused on Xiao Yan with some surprise. The matter of Xiao Yan having become the champion of the Pill Gathering had already spread across the Central Plains. The current Xiao Yan possessed a great reputation in the Central Plains. However, from the looks of his appearance now, it seemed that this Pill Gathering champion had some grudge with this young commander from the Gu clan.

Xiao Yan’s expression remained calm in the face of Ling Quan cold cry. He flicked his finger and a jade invitation appeared from his Storage Ring. It carried a sharp wind as it explosively shot toward Ling Quan.

“Hmph!”

Ling Quan’s expression sank when he saw this invitation. He let out a cold snort as Dou Qi lingered on his hand. He suddenly reached out and caught the jade invitation.

“Chi!”

When Ling Quan’s hand touched the jade invitation, a frightening temperature suddenly materialized from it, burning his palm until a dense,

white fog was emitted.

The intense pain that caused Ling Quan's expression to become gloomy. However, it was fortunate that he was not an ordinary person. He clenched his teeth and forcefully endured it. His hand tapped the jade invitation and absorbed the information from within it.

"So you are actually from the Falling Star Pavilion. How can such a faction receive an invitation from my Gu clan?" Ling Quan coldly laughed. His tone contained some disdain. The old Falling Star Pavilion did not possess the qualification to receive such an invitation.

"It is written on it. If you are illiterate, you can go and ask the members of your Gu clan... return the jade invitation." Xiao Yan faintly instructed.

Xiao Yan's tone caused Ling Quan to furiously grit his teeth. His hand gripped the jade invitation tighter as he coldly said, "You can just come over and take it!"

"Puff!"

Ling Quan's words had just sounded when he suddenly sensed his eyes become dazzled. The jade invitation in his hand immediately left it. By the time he recovered, the jade invitation had appeared in Xiao Yan's hand in front of him.

This caused Ling Quan's face to turn red almost instantly. It was unexpected that he had only just uttered these words when Xiao Yan had snatched back the jade invitation. He had lost a great amount of face.

"Bastard!"

This Ling Quan appeared to have forgotten his current identity because of his anger from this embarrassment. He let out a furious cry. Sharp wind violently slammed toward Xiao Yan.

"Bang!"

The palm wind of Ling Quan danced. Before he could strike Xiao Yan, his eyes were dazzled once again. A leg smashed into his chest with lightning-like speed. The frightening force sent him flying backwards

before he collided with the city wall.

“Grug!”

A mouthful of fresh blood was spat out of Ling Quan’s mouth after he fell from the city wall. His face was filled with disbelief and shock. When he had met Xiao Yan in the Ye clan back then, his strength was still one star higher than Xiao Yan’s. Back then, he might not have been able to defeat Xiao Yan, but he was still able to exchange blows. Now, however... he was unable to even see Xiao Yan’s attack before he was utterly defeated. The gap between the two had already pulled apart by a terrifying extent.

This extreme change almost caused his arrogant self to vomit blood. How many years has it been? The brat that he had viewed like an ant at the Inner Academy back then was already standing on his head!

Some surprise flashed across the eyes of the surrounding people when they saw Xiao Yan force a one star Dou Zun back with a kick. They had not expected Xiao Yan to possess such attainments for Dou Qi along with his great achievements in medicinal refinement.

“Commander Ling Quan, I’m sorry that my blow was a little heavy. However, please avoid doing such a stupid thing next time. After all... there aren’t many who hold back like me.”

Xiao Yan flicked the jade invitation into his Storage Ring. After which, he glanced at the shocked face of Ling Quan and smiled as spoke

“Black submerged section, capture him!”

Ling Quan furiously cried out. His eyes immediately reddened when he saw the smile on Xiao Yan’s face.

“Swoosh!”

The hundred black-armored Gu clan warriors standing before the city’s entrance did not hesitate when they heard this furious cry. The long spears in their hands immediately emitted ‘swoosh’ sounds as they were aimed at Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan's expression slowly became gloomy when he saw this scene.

Chapter 1318: Like

The Little Fairy Doctor and the rest beside Xiao Yan became gloomy when they saw the many Black Submerged Army warriors pointing the long spears in their hands at Xiao Yan. Their bodies moved, and they appeared beside Xiao Yan. Their vast and mighty Dou Qis quietly surged.

The atmosphere at the city's gate had become a swords-drawn one as both parties faced each other. Some people's eyes were observing Xiao Yan's group with some interest. They were surprised that his group dared to attack a member of the Gu clan at the Gu Sacred City.

"Ling Quan, as the commander of the Black Submerged Army, are you planning on abusing your authority for a private grudge? This jade invitation was issued by the Gu clan. Since we possess this jade invitation, we are guests of the Gu clan. With your status, you do not have the qualification to capture me, right?" Xiao Yan's face sank as he coldly laughed.

Ling Quan's was dull when he heard this. He was just about to let out a cold cry when a loud shout suddenly exploded from beyond the city wall. A figure rushed down in a lightning-like manner. It landed heavily in front of the city gate like a metal tower.

"Ling Quan, what are you doing?"

Ling Quan's expression changed when he saw that figure rushing down from the city wall. He wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth and said, "It's nothing..."

"Nothing?"

That human figure frowned when he heard this. His eyes drifted toward Xiao Yan's group. Using this opportunity, Xiao Yan got a clear look of this person's face. Like Ling Quan, this person was wearing bright armor. However, his aura was clearly much stronger than Ling Quan's aura. Based on Xiao Yan's senses, he should be an expert three star Dou Zun.

"Greetings to fifth commander!"

The surrounding Black Submerged Army warriors respectfully cried out when they saw this man. One of them swiftly summarized the events that had occurred earlier.

“You are that Xiao Yan?”

The man wearing the light-green armor was startled when he heard the name Xiao Yan. He frowned and glanced at Xiao Yan again. His expression vaguely contained an extremely faint enmity.

“Falling Star Pavilion Xiao Yan.”

Xiao Yan’s face was calm. He cupped his hands to this man, who was called fifth commander, in front of him.

“That’s right, he is that Xiao Yan who Young Miss has mentioned!”

Ling Quan coldly laughed. His eyes tried to bore into Xiao Yan. That gaze of his was filled with envy and an unwillingness as he said, “Are you planning on allowing him in now?”

Xiao Yan slowly knit his brows when he heard the conversation between the two. It seemed that quite a number of people in the Gu clan were aware of his name, probably because of Xun Er.

The fifth commander was quiet for a moment. His eyes were complicated as he glanced at Xiao Yan. After which, he turned his head and furiously chided Ling Quan, “Do you have any brain? He possesses a jade invitation. That means he is a guest invited by our Gu clan. These actions of yours... are you planning to allow others to mock our Gu clan for not knowing etiquette?”

Ling Quan’s face alternated between green and white after being furiously reprimanded by fifth commander, but he was unable to say much due to the other party having a higher status than him. All he could do was let out a cold snort and withdraw.

“Mister Xiao Yan, please enter! Please wait in the Gu Sacred City for a couple of days. There will be someone who will bring all of you into the Gu Realm when the time comes.”

After reprimanding Ling Quan, the fifth commander cupped his hands to Xiao Yan as he spoke in a deep voice.

Xiao Yan nodded. Although this fifth commander had formed a hint of animosity for him, he was impartial. This was much better than Ling Quan. However, the thing that caused Xiao Yan to feel some doubt was that this was the first time he had met this person. Where did his enmity come from?

“Could it be still because of Xun Er?”

Xiao Yan bitterly laughed in his heart. As the saying went, a beauty brought trouble. Moreover, Xun Er’s beauty could bring disaster to a country and its people. He had a premonition that this trip to the Gu clan would not be smooth...

Xiao Yan led the Little Fairy Doctor and the rest into the city. While he was walking by the fifth commander, the fifth commander hesitated for a moment before cupping his hands together to say, “If this is not too abrupt, may I find time to spar with mister Xiao Yan? I really wish to see... if you are really compatible with Young Miss!”

The last sentence was as weak as a housefly. However, it clearly formed in Xiao Yan’s ears. Upon hearing this sentence, Xiao Yan sighed: as expected...

“Aye.”

Xiao Yan slowly nodded and did not open his mouth to make an excuse to reject it. He was clearly aware of Xun Er’s status within the Gu clan. With her demeanor and talent along with her extremely great beauty, it was likely that most of the young and handsome men within this Gu Realm possessed some feelings for her. They would naturally treat Xiao Yan as a love rival who posed the greatest threat. Xiao Yan clearly understood that this kind of sparring would increase in the future. Moreover, these matches would progress beyond sparring...

Xiao Yan’s heart felt miserable because of his future fate. He waved his hand and led the Little Fairy Doctor’s group into this ancient city in front of many gazes.

A dark chill flashed across Ling Quan's eyes as he watched Xiao Yan's back disappear. He softly muttered, "Xiao Yan, it was fine if you hide outside. Now that you have come to the Gu clan and invited in humiliation, you can only blame yourself for being blind... with this little strength of yours, you do not possess the qualifications to act fiercely among the younger generation of my Gu clan!"

Xiao Yan was naturally unable to hear Ling Quan's dark voice. His group passed through the city wall and entered the city, which permeated with an ancient aura.

The current Gu Sacred City was lively. Human traffic frequently filled the streets. Although there wasn't as much human traffic compared to other cities, most of people who could walk within this city possessed a great strength.

"We should head to the area within the city that is set up for people to rest. I have already made inquiries. The door that heads to the Gu Realm will be opened in three days. All of us have to remain in this Gu Sacred City during these three days." The Little Fairy Doctor smiled as she explained the situation the group after she had obtained some information.

Xiao Yan tilted his head in acknowledgement. His eyes swept around him as he softly made a comment, "This Gu Sacred City is filled with all sorts of people, and they are all strong individuals. We should be careful during these few days."

Xiao Yan took the lead. He started to slowly walk to the middle of the city after uttering those words. The Little Fairy Doctor and the rest swiftly followed behind.

The group shuttled through the city for over ten minutes before arriving at the middle. A spacious manor with towering buildings stood here. There was a continuous flow of people entering and leaving the entrance of the manor. The numerous powerful auras that spread caused Xiao Yan's group to exchange sidelong glances with each other.

By relying on the Gu clan's jade invitation, Xiao Yan's group successfully

entered the manor. After which, they followed a pretty female servant to a quiet house.

Due to them having traveled non-stop during this period of time, most of them felt a little tired after entering the quiet house. They chatted briefly before finding their own rooms to rest.

A lady in pale-green clothes was seated within a dense cloud that lingered over a mountain. The fog churned, causing her to appear just like a fairy with her ethereal demeanor.

“Young miss, young master Xiao Yan has reached Gu Sacred City.”

An elderly figure flashed and appeared on the mountain top while the quiet lady’s eyes were shut. He respectfully informed the young lady after appearing.

The elder’s words had just sounded when he sensed the space in front of him rippling. When he raised his head, he discovered that the lady had already appeared in front of him. That pretty face, which contained a smile, caused the pretty scene around to instantly become much dimmer. Who else could this face belong to other than Xun Er?

“Old Ling, is he well?” The young lady’s gentle voice appeared to possess a special demonic force. Even the clouds of this place rippled because of it.

“The current young master Xiao Yan is no longer someone that the old me can see through... based on the information that I have received, Ling Quan, whose strength is at the one star Dou Zun class, was unable to even last one exchange in Xiao Yan’s hands. Young master Xiao Yan is at least a four star Dou Zun...” The old man sighed. His tone contained an exclamation that he could not hide. When he had been protecting Xiao Yan back then, he had merely been a small Dou Zhe. However, within a short ten years or so, that tender youth from back then had reached a stage where even the old man couldn’t tell his strength.

“Young miss’s eyesight is indeed good...”

Xun Er smiled when she heard Ling Ying’s exclamation. She had been undertaking a deep retreat during these years. The matters of the outside

world had seldom entered her ears. Even though this was the case, she understood that the current Xiao Yan was definitely well-known in the Central Plains because... she had believed in his strength from the beginning. Even when he was down and out, she still believed in him...

“However... young miss, the matter that you announced in the clan some time ago will likely cause young master Xiao Yan some trouble.” Ling Ying hesitated for a moment before speaking.

“I believe in him.”

Xun Er smiled but did not give an additional explanation. The matters of the heart were extremely mysterious. Time was unable to cause them to disappear. Instead, time had brewed this feeling until it was mellow and fragrant. Even though the status and strength of the two had undergone a great change, their lives from the small Wu Tan City still existed in their hearts. Those tender feelings had finally matured.

Ling Ying could only bitterly laugh when he heard her silence. Some time ago, this blessed child within the Gu clan had used a calm tone to utter some words that caused all the Elders’ faces to twitch during an Elder Meeting. The Elders on the Elder Meeting had been discussing the matter of her marriage after she had left her retreat. These words were the reason why Xiao Yan faced the enmity from the young geniuses of the Gu clan the moment he arrived in Gu Sacred City.

“Regardless of whether all of you oppose or support me, I only like him, and none of you will be able to change that fact...”

Just this one sentence alone caused the faces of most of the Elders in the Gu clan to turn green...

Chapter 1319: Eight Great Commanders, Four Great Generals

When warm sunlight glinted through the window the next morning, Xiao Yan, who had been training, slowly opened his eyes.

The space around Xiao Yan formed a mysterious fluctuation the moment he opened his eyes. Wave after wave of different colored Dou Qi quietly poured into Xiao Yan's brows. Finally, they merged with his soul.

"With this 'Great Single Soul Skill,' my spiritual training is progressing quite fast..."

An expression of being full of praise surfaced on Xiao Yan's face when he sensed the full feeling that was being transmitted from the spot between his brows. He had worked hard to practice the 'Great Single Soul Skill' the moment he had any free time. The gains he had obtained were quite great. His spiritual aura, which had been extremely difficult to increase, was automatically improved by nature when he circulated the "Great Single Soul Skill." This strange method was indeed worthy of being an item from ancient times.

Xiao Yan smiled and stood up from his bed. He stretched his body before pushing the door to his room open. He exited the room. After finding Little Fairy Doctor and the others, the entire group left the house.

This large manor had already filled with experts from all over. These experts either possessed a great strength or had a powerful faction supporting them. It was naturally lively when these people gathered together.

Xiao Yan's group idly roamed around before stopping at a wine shop that occupied a vast part of the manor. There was a big stone platform in the middle of this large wine shop. Dou Qi erupted from the stone platform as two figures exchanged blows with lightning-like speed. The interesting fight caused many observers to repeatedly cry out "good."

The two people on the platform were about six star Dou Zongs. They

were experts with some reputation in the outside world. However, they didn't attract Xiao Yan. His group found a table in the wine shop that was close to the window before sitting down. Their eyes swept over the wine stop and discovered quite a number of people with great strength.

“Have you inquired about some information related to that Black Submerged Army?”

After a female servant served tea, Xiao Yan glanced at the fight on the stage before softly asking.

He was about to make contact with this Gu clan. Naturally, he needed to gain a greater understanding of them. This so-called Black Submerged Army was rumored to be where the strongest warriors of the Gu clan gathered, and it possessed an extremely powerful fighting strength. Xiao Yan needed to obtain some news with regards to them.

“Aye...”

The Little Fairy Doctor grinned and nodded. She exchanged looks with Tian Huo zun-zhe before softly replying, “The status of the Black Submerged Army is quite high within the Gu clan because a harsh selection requirement is imposed. Not only must they be absolutely loyal to the Gu clan, they must also reach a certain level by a certain age. It is rumored that the Black Submerged Army is tested every year. Those who fail to meet the test requirements are expelled. Hence, the quality of the Black Submerged Army is quite high.”

Xiao Yan nodded slowly when he heard this. From the looks of those black-armored guards at the city's gate, he was aware that the warriors of this Black Submerged Army were not mediocre individuals. All of them would be talented warriors that would be extremely hard to find in the outside world.

“The Black Submerged Army has an extremely strict division of ranks. There are eight great commanders. That Ling Quan and the fifth commander are among these people. However, that Ling Quan is ranked seventh.” Tian Huo zun-zhe by the side smiled as he revealed some information.

“Ling Quan is merely ranked seventh, huh...” Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes. Ling Quan had the strength of a one star Dou Zun while that fifth commander possessed the strength of a three star Dou Zun. Then, would the first commander of the Black Submerged Army possess a strength of six stars or higher?

“It is indeed worthy of being the Gu clan...”

Xiao Yan gently nodded. Those among the younger generation who could reach the strength of a six star Dou Zun were definitely great geniuses. Although the members of the Gu clan possessed the Dou Di bloodline, these commanders still showed off the clan’s great strength.

“The current you is not very likable in the eyes of these young geniuses from the Gu clan. Quite a number of them even view you as... a love rival. I think that you will find your time in the Gu clan to be quite frustrating.” The Little Fairy Doctor covered her mouth and softly laughed.

“There should not be many members of the Gu clan who are aware of the relationship between Xun Er and I, right?” Xiao Yan frowned and asked.

“There weren’t many some time ago. However, according to the information that I have gathered, this matter is known by everyone because Xun Er has personally admitted the relationship between the two of you during an Elders’ meeting...” The Little Fairy Doctor laughed.

Xiao Yan was stunned. He bitterly laughed, “This girl. She is really quite bold. However, if that is what she has said, then so be it. This matter would ultimately be exposed. As for the geniuses of the Gu clan, they can do as they like. I have been aware from the very beginning that I would not find much peace within this Gu Realm.”

Xiao Yan was already familiar with Xun Er’s great beauty and allure. This Gu clan also possessed many geniuses. Being talented, these young people would definitely not be fond of an ordinary lady. Hence, Xun Er, who not only possessed an extremely beautiful appearance but also an exceeding talent, would naturally be the target of their pursuit.

“Among the eight great commanders, more than half of them view you

as a love rival who pose the greatest threat... if you meet them, they will definitely find an excuse to spar with you.” The Little Fairy Doctor laughed. “Of course, I think that the ones who pose the greatest threat aren’t these people. Instead, it will be the four great generals.”

“Four great generals?”

“The true upper echelon of the Black Submerged Army can be summarized as the eight great commanders, the four great generals, and the two leaders of the Black Submerged Army, the Black Submerged Dukes...” The Little Fairy Doctor explained. “These four great generals are ultimate geniuses even within the Gu clan filled with many talents. All of them are brilliant individuals. Based on their potentials, they will become the true core members of the Gu clan in the future.”

Xiao Yan was quiet. A solemnness surged into his heart. What he had obtained at this age of his was at the top within the Central Plains. However, now that he had arrived at this Gu clan, which was filled with talent, he finally understood that such an achievement was not enough to be proud of.

Since the rank of these generals was higher than the commanders, it was likely that even the weakest general would be stronger than the First Commander. If one thought about it, the strength of these four great generals would be similar to the ninth Tianzun of the Hall of Souls.

“Is the Dou Di bloodline really so powerful...”

Xiao Yan slowly exhaled a breath of air. He truly sensed some pressure. His training speed was already elusive in the eyes of those from the same generation, but it still appeared a little weak when compared with the ultimate geniuses from the Gu clan.

“There is always someone better. This phrase is indeed true...”

“Although I am not aware of the four highly respected generals attitudes toward you, Xun Er is a blessed child of the Gu clan. The attraction she poses to geniuses like them is incomparable. Therefore, you should pay more attention.” The Little Fairy Doctor reminded Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes. A ruthless expression flashed through them. Forget about just how strong these so-called generals were. No one could stop the relation between him and Xun Er. Although he only possessed the strength of a five star Dou Zun, he was unafraid of even a seven or eight star elite Dou Zun if they were to really fight. Hence, he hoped that these four great commanders did not think of him as some soft persimmon!

“Those who possess the Dou Di bloodline indeed have a smooth training path. However, this speed halts just before the Dou Sheng class. Even though an ancient clan like the Gu clan possesses many elite Dou Zuns, there aren't many people who can step into the Dou Sheng class. If one wishes to advance to that level, one can only rely on oneself. At such a moment, the Dou Di bloodline becomes a burden. Therefore, you need not compete with these fellows in terms of your current achievements. When you reach the Dou Sheng class in the future, these people might only remain in the Dou Zun class...” Tian Huo zun-zhe stretched his lazy waist and laughed.

Xiao Yan nodded. An elite Dou Sheng was a peak existence in this world. Although the Dou Di bloodline was powerful, it was impossible to create a large number of such experts. Otherwise, it would be opposing the laws of the world.

While Xiao Yan's group drank and chatted among themselves, two icy-cold gazes from the upper level of this wine shop had locked onto Xiao Yan.

“He is that Xiao Yan?” A young, handsome green-robed man glanced at Xiao Yan's back. His unusually long hand was gently knocking on the rail as he asked in a faint voice.

“Third brother, he is that Xiao Yan who young miss mentioned. He possesses a great reputation within the Central Plains. His arrogance has not diminished a little even now that he has come to our Gu clan...” A cold laugh replied. By following the sound and looking over, that person was Ling Quan, who had been kicked by Xiao Yan yesterday.

“This is not the Central Plains...” The green-clothed man smiled. His smile contained a faint chill as he said, “Although we might not catch the eyes of young miss, someone of such a level should also not have that qualification.”

“You better not do anything reckless. They are guests.” A strongly built man frowned as he spoke. He was the fifth commander from yesterday.

“Relax... everything will happen according to the rules.” The green man laughed in a dark yet gentle manner.

“Clang!”

After his voice sounded, a victor was decided among the two figures fighting on the stone stage below. The both of them withdrew. Immediately, a loud clear voice attracted everyone’s gazes. A skinny man leaped up and cried out loud.

“The ones who will fight next will be the third commander of the Black Submerged Army, Yang Hao, and... the champion of the Pill Gathering, Xiao Yan!”

A short distance away, Xiao Yan’s hand, which had just lifted a teacup suddenly shook. Immediately, his face slowly turned gloomy. He seemed to have fallen into someone’s trap...

Chapter 1320: Third Commander Yang Hao

The loud cry reverberated within the building, causing the noisy atmosphere to immediately quiet down. These two people were quite well-known. One was the third commander of the Gu clan's Black Submerged Army while the other was the Pill Gathering champion. The both of them were outstanding people within the younger generation. Could the observers be lucky enough to watch them spar here today?

Excitement surged in quite a number of people's eyes when they thought of this. Their gazes swept around them in an attempt to find the two of them.

"What happened?"

The Little Fairy Doctor's group was also startled because of this sudden unexpected change. They saw Xiao Yan's gloomy expression and immediately understood something. They frowned and said, "It is unexpected that trouble has come knocking on the door after having just talked about it. This is really a little too underhanded."

With their intelligence, they naturally understood that the other party was afraid of Xiao Yan backing away, explaining why he had publicly acted before seeking permission. If Xiao Yan were to lose this match, it was likely that it would become an excuse for the Gu clan to strike against Xiao Yan. Even Xun Er would be implicated by this.

"Hu..."

Xiao Yan's expression was gloomy. He slowly exhaled a breath of air and gradually placed his teacup down. He softly said, "It's just as well. I do not like this kind of continuous trouble. It will not be bad if I kill a chicken to warn those monkeys before entering the Gu clan. Since he willingly wishes to become this chicken, I shall accept his offer..."

Xiao Yan suddenly turned his head after uttering these words. His icy gaze shot to the green-clothed man on the upper floor.

“Ha ha, his senses are quite sharp...” That green-clothed man laughed when he saw Xiao Yan looking over. His expression did not reveal the slightest fear. His strength was at the peak of the five star Dou Zun class. Although Xiao Yan was also a five star Dou Zun, this green-clothed young man had seldom been defeated when fighting an opponent of the same level.

“Yang Hao, you should not act recklessly. If the Elders become aware of this...” The fifth commander by the side frowned as he spoke.

“We are only sparing. Our Gu clan has always been more inclined to fight. Isn’t it good to find friends through sparing?” Yang Hao laughed faintly and continued, “Relax, I will not allow him to lose in an ugly way... of course this is only if he is tactful.”

After his words softly sounded, Yang Hao’s body flashed, and he appeared on the stone stage before the fifth commander could say anything more. He smiled as he looked in the direction of Xiao Yan. He laughed and said, “Mister Xiao Yan, I have long heard of your great name. May I know if I can seek some lessons from you today?”

Swoosh!

All the gazes in the building suddenly turned at this moment. They gathered on the skinny figure beside a window.

“He is that Xiao Yan? The Pill Gathering champion?”

“He looks quite young. It is unexpected that he has reached the level of a tier 8 alchemist at such an age. It is really difficult to believe.”

“It is rumored that his teacher is Yao Chen, Yao zun-zhe from back then. However, the current Yao Chen has already advanced to a Ban Sheng. His strength is so great that it is frightening...”

“No wonder... Yao Chen has sharp eyes. This current disciple is many times stronger than Han Feng from back then.”

Xiao Yan’s expression was calm as he heard the private conversations around him. He turned his head and threw his eyes at the young green-clothed man on the stage with a dark smile on his face. He slowly stood up

and said, "Since third commander insists on this, I shall not reject your offer."

Yang Hao's brows were lifted slightly when he saw that Xiao Yan did not find an excuse to reject him. However, the smile on his face became denser. He did an 'after you' gesture. However, no one saw the dense chill flashing through his eyes when he bowed to Xiao Yan.

"Be careful."

The Little Fairy Doctor's group did not stop him. They were confident in Xiao Yan's strength. That Yang Hao's strength might be at the peak of a five star Dou Zun, but this kind of strength did not pose any fatal threat to the current Xiao Yan.

"Aye."

Xiao Yan nodded. He strode forward and the space in front of him became distorted. The next moment, he appeared a short distance away from Yang Hao.

"You are indeed worthy of being the champion of a Pill Gathering. This courage is really admirable." Yang Hao grinned as he looked at Xiao Yan and complimented him.

Xiao Yan was calm as he glanced at the superficial smile on Yang Hao's face. His voice tranquil, to the extent of lacking emotion, "After you."

"Alright!"

Yang Hao loudly laughed. He suddenly took a step forward. A vast and mighty Dou Qi immediately surged in all directions. The powerful Dou Qi pressure caused the expressions of quite a number of people within the building to change.

"Today, this commander shall personally test and see just how outstanding this Pill Gathering champion is!"

Yang Hao loudly laughed as his Dou Qi surged. His long hand was suddenly clenched, and a sharp wind was formed within his palm. His foot stomped on the ground, and his body appeared in front of Xiao Yan with

lightning-like speed. A sharp claw wind violently rushed toward Xiao Yan like a dragnet. The sharp force tore through space, forming numerous dark black scars.

Xiao Yan stepped back when faced with Yang Hao's ferocious attack. He began to use a mysterious footwork within a three step radius and dodged Yang Hao's dense claw wind.

"What a fast speed. However, come and try my Dragon Snake Footwork!"

Yang Hao was startled when he saw Xiao Yan completely dodge his attack. He immediately let out a cold cry. He took a step forward. With the step of a dragon and tiger, his body became ghost-like and a dragon-snake illusory figure vaguely appeared behind him. The Gu clan did not lack high class Dou Skills. Moreover, being the third commander, the Dou Skills that Yang Hao had learned were definitely not ordinary. This Dragon Snake Footwork alone was not inferior to Xiao Yan's Three Thousand Lightning Movement."

"Sky Evil Qi Shattering Claw!"

Yang Hao's speed suddenly increased after using this Dragon Snake Footwork. His claw wind suddenly changed as a fierce evil aura quickly gathered on his palm. The space where his palm passed cracked apart, and a deafening buzzing sound spread in a sharp manner.

"The Gu clan is indeed a large clan. These high class Dou Skills that are difficult to see in the outside world are being used as he pleases!"

Xiao Yan's eyes narrowed when he sensed that Yang Hao's speed and attack had suddenly become sharper. By possessing so many high class Dou Skills to protect himself with, it was little wonder that this fellow was not worried about defeating Xiao Yan, who was also a five star Dou Zun. However, he had miscalculated. In front of Xiao Yan, who possessed an unusually powerful Spiritual Strength, any ghost-like agility techniques could not escape his eyes!

"Bam bam!"

Xiao Yan waved his sleeve and would accurately strike Yang Hao's claw

wind just when it was about to reach its target. This moment was coincidentally the moment when the claw wind was going from weak to strong. However, one would be unable to take advantage of such an opening without a perfect observation ability.

“Bang bang!”

Yang Hao’s expression gained a solemnness each time they exchanged blows. After over a dozen sharp exchanges, his expression had been replaced by a grave one. Although he had used two types of Di class middle level Dou Skills, he was unable to harm Xiao Yan. Xiao Yan’s movements of leisure caused him to feel that he was losing face.

“I do not believe that a poor brat like you can compete with this commander in terms of the amount and quality of skills that you possess!”

Yang Hao’s expression was dark and cold. His feet suddenly pulled back. At the same time, his hands started to form numerous seals that Xiao Yan was unusually familiar with.

“God Seal Skill, huh...”

Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes when he saw the seals. His body flashed and strangely appeared in front of Yang Hao. He flicked his finger and a gentle breeze shot out, striking Yang Hao’s wrist with lightning-like speed. This breeze might not be strong, but it interrupted the completion of the God Seal Skill, causing the blood within Yang Hao’s body to churn.

“This brat. Why is he aware of the flaws of the God Seal Skill?”

Yang Hao’s expression changed when Xiao Yan randomly broke the seal that he had been forming. Before he could think, a hot wind came blew over, and he had to hurriedly receive it.

“Bang!”

The hot wind spread across the stone stage. Everyone was stunned to see Yang Hao stagger a couple of steps back because of Xiao Yan’s punch. Yang Hao was in a situation where Xiao Yan had completely overwhelmed him.

The originally dark and cold face of Ling Quan on the upper floor had become a little ugly. He vaguely began to feel an unease growing.

“Yang Hao is no match for him!” The fifth commander also displayed a serious expression. Xiao Yan appeared unruffled even in the face of Yang Hao’s skills, causing him to involuntarily feel a little slump in his heart. This fellow was indeed not a mediocre person by being able to catch the eye of young miss...

“Bastard!”

Yang Hao’s face became flushed red after being forced back by Xiao Yan’s palm. Clearly, he did not understand why he was unable to defeat Xiao Yan with his strength at the peak of the five star Dou Zun class. Moreover, he had even used many powerful Dou Skills. On the other hand, Xiao Yan had yet to use one Dou Skill even until now.

“Overturning Land Seal!”

A ferociousness vaguely surfaced on Yang Hao’s face. He unleashed his Dragon Snake Footwork to its limit. A dragon-snake illusory figure appeared on the stone stage while the seal on his hand was swiftly formed. A vast and mighty Dou Qi quickly gathered.

Xiao Yan stood on the stage with his hands behind him. His eyes were calm as he watched the blurry figure that was swiftly shuffling around before slowly shutting his eyes.

“Successful formation!”

The ferocious on Yang Hao’s face became even more intense when he saw what Xiao Yan was doing. His hand seals suddenly paused. A cold expression surfaced from within his eyes. However, a chill covered his heart when the seal in his hand was about to launch toward Xiao Yan.

“Bang!”

The moment the chill appeared, the stone stage under his feet suddenly cracked apart. A hot magma pillar bared its claws and rushed out like a fire dragon. It smashed into Yang Hao’s legs.

“Grug!”

The attack that was unleashed from underground had exceeded everyone’s expectations. Being the main actor, Yang Hao spat out a mouthful of fresh blood, and his body was struck by the fire pillar until he flew. Finally, he smashed into a large stone pillar of the building. The stone pillar was immediately blasted apart.

The entire place was completely silent as everyone watched this battle end in an instant. Numerous stunned eyes looked at the skinny young man with his hands behind him. His body had not even shifted. A moment later, a thunder-like applause resonated through the entire building in a deafening manner.

Xiao Yan’s expression remained tranquil. He studied the charred-black Yang Hao before cupping his hands together. He smiled and said, “Thank you for going easy, third commander.”

“Grug!”

Yang Hao, who had just landed on the ground, involuntarily spat out another mouthful of fresh blood. He had never expected to be miserably defeated by Xiao Yan’s hands with his peak of a five star Dou Zun strength...

Chapter 1321: Yan Clan

“He has actually lost...”

Ling Quan and the fifth commander visibly expressed their startled eyes as they looked at Yang Hao struggling with some stone fragments. They exchanged looks with one another and saw a horror that could not be hidden from each other's eyes.

“This brat, how did he become so strong...”

Ling Quan clenched his fist. His heart was filled with disbelief. Although he was aware that Xiao Yan had already surpassed him, he did not expect Xiao Yan to be able to defeat Yang Hao, whose strength was at the peak of the fifth star, in such an easy fashion.

Being someone from the same clan, Ling Quan was well aware of Yang Hao's strength. Yang Hao possessed quite a number of powerful Dou Skills. He had even mastered the God Seal Skill to the Overturning Land Seal. With this strength, he would be hard pressed to find any opponent who could match him from the same level. However, from the looks of that battle earlier Yang Hao was completely suppressed by Xiao Yan until he was at a disadvantage. His ferocious attacks did not even harm Xiao Yan. Clearly, Xiao Yan's fighting strength had far surpassed his level on the surface.

“Ugh, there really is a reason he caught the young miss's eyes. His strength is likely similar to big brother...” The fifth commander softly sighed.

Ling Quan's expression became even more gloomy when he heard these words.

“Cough...”

Yang Hao, who was buried under the rock fragments of the building, struggled to climb out. Most of his clothes were in tatters. At a glance, he was charred-black. Fresh blood continued to seep from the corner of his mouth while he coughed.

Yang Hao's hair scattered down from his head. His appearance was just like a mad demon. A pair of savage blood-red eyes glared at Xiao Yan. He had basically suffered a complete lose during this match. No matter how he thought about it, he could not understand how he had ended up being defeated in such a miserable manner by Xiao Yan, especially since he was at the peak of the fifth star of the Dou Zun strength and possessed many high class Dou Skills!

“Bastard thing, I refuse to accept this!”

Fury and embarrassment swelled within his heart. He was defeated in such a miserable manner in public. If word of this were to spread back to the Gu Realm, there was no telling just how much ridicule he would suffer. Immediately, Yang Hao became hot-headed. He let out a furious roar as his foot stomped on the ground. Enduring the intense pain that was being transmitted from all over his body, he turned into lightning that once again shot toward Xiao Yan on the stage.

Quite a number of people frowned when they saw Yang Hao, who appeared to have suddenly lost his sense of reasoning. This fellow appeared to be without any grace.

“Bang!”

Xiao Yan's eyes were indifferent as he watched Yang Hao rush over. His foot suddenly stomped in front of him, and his ghost-like body appeared in front of Yang Hao. Xiao Yan's arm shook and a wave of sharp wind surged from nowhere, smashing into Yang Hao's chest in a lightning-like fashion.

“Woo!”

After suffering another heavy blow, Yang Hao once again spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. His body flew backwards and shattered a couple of tables and chairs into dust.

“Tsk tsk, this Yang Hao is really a fool...”

A person laughed softly from somewhere within the building when Yang Hao pounced at Xiao Yan like a madman.

This spot was an isolated area. It was much quieter compared to the other places. There were four figures seated beside the table, consisting of three men and one woman. A burning flame mark was imprinted on the foreheads of these four individuals. At a glance, they appeared just like real flames, causing one to feel hot.

The voice from earlier was emitted from the mouth of a somewhat gentle-looking man among the four of them.

“Although this Xiao Yan is only a five star Dou Zun, his Dou Qi is naturally far from what an ordinary person can compare with since he is in possession of a Heavenly Flame. It is only natural for Yang Hao to be defeated by his hands.” A middle-aged man with rough eyebrows on the opposite side faintly commented on the matter.

“He still possesses an extremely powerful soul. Under his Spiritual Perception, ghost agility techniques are completely useless... that Yang Hao is too arrogant.” The last man was wearing a white robe. His appearance was quite handsome. The corner of his mouth contained a slight smile which gave one a warm feeling.

This man’s eyes landed on the lady beside him after his words sounded. This lady was wearing a pale-red dress. A veil covered her face, but the outline that was revealed through the veil was still extremely alluring. Her bright eyes did not contain the slightest ripple. She also did not respond to the conversation between the three. It was as though everything had difficulty arousing her interest.

“Huo Zhi, can you not treat us as though we are non-existent?” That white-clothed man involuntarily shook his head and spoke when he saw this manner of hers.

“I am interested in his Heavenly Flame.” That red-clothed lady finally raised her head a little after hearing his words. She glanced at Xiao Yan on the stage. Her voice was cold and enchanting.

“Cough...”

The white-clothed trio of men helplessly rolled their eyes when they heard what she said. They were just about to speak when the red-clothed

lady suddenly said, "It is quite lively today. Looks like the members of the Gu clan don't really welcome Xiao Yan."

The blood covered Yang Hao stared ferociously at Xiao Yan. His breathing was just like that of a bull. It was a long while later before he charged forward in a crazy manner. However, an ice-cold cry suddenly resounded within the wine shop.

"Yang Hao!"

Yang Hao's entire body suddenly trembled when he heard this cry. He actually recovered. His body stood on the spot as he clenched his hands.

"You have completely embarrassed the Gu clan!"

A figure slowly appeared in front of Yang Hao after he stopped moving. The ice-cold voice caused fear to flash across Yang Hao's eyes.

"Second brother."

Ling Quan's duo were startled when they saw that figure. Joy immediately surged in the former's eyes. Their bodies rushed forward and appeared beside that figure before respectfully addressing him.

"Hmph!"

That figure glanced at the two of them. A cold cry sounded before his eyes suddenly shifted away. He stared at the skinny figure on the stage and asked in a deep voice, "Xiao Yan, do you enjoy beating others?"

Xiao Yan looked down at the figure from his vantage point. The figure was wearing pale-silver armor. Silver light flowed over his body as a mighty aura spread apart. Quite a number of people were giving it a sidelong glance.

"It is just sparing."

Xiao Yan glanced at the silver-armored man. The way Ling Quan addressed this person made it obvious that this figure should be that so-called second commander. This person should be a six star Dou Zun.

The eyes of the silver-armored man narrowed upon hearing this. His body moved, and he appeared on the stone stage before speaking faintly,

“Black Submerged Army second commander, Lin Xiu... since you like to spar this much, this commander shall come and give it a try. What do you think?”

“If this is a tactic to take turns fighting me, it seems that you are lacking in numbers.” Xiao Yan laughed.

“There is no need for us to fight you one after another in order to deal with you...” Lin Xiu coldly laughed. Today, Yang Hao was publicly beaten by Xiao Yan until he was miserable. If he did not step forward, it was likely that others would think that the Black Submerged Army was only this mediocre.

“What do you say? Xiao Yan, do you dare to receive another challenge?”

“If second commander insists, then please begin...”

Xiao Yan merely knit his brows before relaxing. Lin Xiu was trying to corner him. It seemed that the young geniuses of the Gu clan had developed a deep grudge against him. As the saying went, a serious illness required strong medicine. Since this was the case, he would use some strong medicine!

Quite a number of people in the building shot their eyes over when they saw the tense swords-drawn atmosphere on the stage. At this moment, everyone could tell that these young geniuses of the Gu clan seemed to possess a hidden grudge against Xiao Yan...

“Lin Xiu, all of you are making a farce!”

However, just when everyone thought that a battle was about to erupt, a furious elder’s voice suddenly resounded. A gray-clothed figure appeared on the stone stage in a lightning-like manner and reprimanded Lin Xiu.

“Elder Gu Xun.”

Lin Xiu was startled when he saw this gray-clothed elder suddenly appearing. He cupped his hands and respectfully said.

“What nonsense. As hosts, all of you are making things difficult for a guest of the Gu clan in public. Just how does this look? Aren’t all of you

withdrawing?” The old man called Gu Xun glared at this group as he furiously scolded them.

Lin Xiu did not dare to argue after being chided by Gu Xun. He understood that he could not recoup their lost face today since this old man appeared. All he could do was helplessly shake his head. His cold eyes slide to Xiao Yan while his mouth slightly moved. A weak voice was quietly transmitted into Xiao Yan’s ears.

“Xiao Yan, consider yourself lucky this time around. If you are sensible, you would leave the Gu clan as soon as possible. Otherwise, entering the Gu clan will only cause you to seek your own humiliation!”

Xiao Yan’s expression remained calm when he heard the voice beside his ear. A faint but cold smile appeared within his dark-black eyes.

Lin Xiu did not dare to stay any longer after his voice sounded. He rushed down from the stage, grabbed Yang Hao, who was unable to even move, and strode out of the building.

Gu Xun turned his head after watching Lin Xiu walk into the distant. His eyes were somewhat complicated as he looked at Xiao Yan. He softly said, “A member of the Xiao clan has once again come to the Gu clan... young people tend to be impulsive. Due to the matter of young miss, you will probably meet many troubles in the future. Hopefully, you are prepared to meet them.”

Xiao Yan cupped his hands to Gu Xun, but he did not say anything.

Gu Xun studied Xiao Yan in depth. After which, he turned around and stepped down from the stage before walking away from the building.

Quite a number of people felt that they had not seen their fill when they watched the build up of a fierce battle end in such an abrupt manner. However, there was nothing they could do. They could only withdraw their eyes and softly discuss that intense battle earlier. Numerous eyes continuously swept toward Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan was unconcerned about these gazes. He leaped down from the stone stage and was just about to return to his seat when he abruptly

discovered the Heavenly Flame in his body leaping at this moment. His eyes followed the slight feeling. They finally paused on that somewhat quiet corner. There was a red-clothed lady wearing a veil. Both of her eyes were calmly observing him. There was a life-like flame symbol between her eyebrows that was quietly blooming.

“Heavenly Flame...”

A thought passed through Xiao Yan’s mind as he looked at the fire symbol between the red-clothed lady’s brows. The mysterious clans that Yao Lao had mentioned appeared within his heart.

“She... is a member of the Yan clan, huh?”

Chapter 1322: Hun Ya

The two pair of eyes interacted with each other. There was a flame flowing within each of their eyes. It appeared as though the space between the two of them had gradually become hot...

“Puff!”

The four eyes faced each other. A moment later, a cluster of flames suddenly materialized out of nowhere between the two individuals. The ripple from the flame incinerated some nearby tables and chairs into ashes...

Xiao Yan’s body trembled when the flame burst apart. A solemn expression flashed across his face. The Heavenly Flame within the body of this red-dressed woman was likely extraordinary.

“What happened?” The Little Fairy Doctor quickly arrived by Xiao Yan’s side. Her eyes followed his gaze and paused on the group of unfamiliar people before softly asking.

“Nothing...”

Xiao Yan shook his head. He gave the red-dressed lady a deep look. Although he greatly coveted Heavenly Flames, he was not a fool. This woman was someone from the Yan clan Yao Lao had mentioned. Although Xiao Yan felt extremely unfamiliar with this clan, a faction that could be ranked alongside the Gu clan and the Hun clan likely possessed a powerful strength. He would not offend them because of a Heavenly Flame.

“Let’s go.”

There were many pairs of eyes within the wine shop. Xiao Yan did not wish to remain for long. Hence, he turned around and walked out of the building. The Little Fairy Doctor and the rest hesitated for a moment before closely following him.

“Huo Zhi, how is it?” The white-robed man smiled and asked when he saw the backs of Xiao Yan’s group leaving.

“A very strong Heavenly Flame...” The red-robed lady called Huo Zhi softly replied. A faint ripple rose within her quiet lake-like eyes. “If I have the chance, I would really like to exchange blows with him. I want to see whether this Red Lotus Ye Flame, which is ranked seventh on the Heavenly Flame Ranking, or his Heavenly Flame is stronger...”

“You are only interested in these things.” The white-robed man helplessly shook his head and said. “This Xiao Yan should be a member of the Xiao clan. It is unexpected that the clan, whose bloodline has become waste, is actually able to produce such a person. It is really unbelievable.”

“The Xiao clan had the closest relationship with the Gu clan back then, but that was when they were strong. The friendship between the clans will forever be built on the foundation of having similar strength. If there wasn’t opposition from some of the Elders within the Gu clan, the tomb of Xiao Xuan would have been forcefully opened by them...” That gentle-looking man grinned and said. “The tomb of a peak expert is something that even the Gu clan cannot resist.”

“Those are merely some radicals. There is no need to place everyone in the same category.” The white-robed man shook his head. He stretched his lazy waist and laughed, “I am still most interested in the Heavenly Tomb that is opened once every twenty years. Although the Heavenly Tomb is within the Gu Realm, the members of the eight clans are qualified to enter it according to the agreement from back then. The tomb of Xiao Xuan is also inside. I wonder if there will be any one who will truly be able to barge in there...”

“Aye, I wonder if the members of the other clans have arrived. Normally, they will not miss such a big event.” That rough-eyebrowed man nodded and spoke.

“Who cares about them. If they do not come, we will have fewer competitors. Let’s leave.” The white-clothed man curled his lips. After which, he stood up and walked out of the building. The few people behind him followed at a steady pace.

“It looks like the situation is even more troublesome than what I have

heard. Most of these eight great commanders hold a grudge with you. Today, if the Elder from the Gu clan had not appeared, it is likely that Lin Xiu would have attacked you...” The Little Fairy Doctor frowned and spoke on their way back to their house.

“有麻烦是很正常的事，若是在这古族中一帆风顺的话，我倒是会觉得有些不对劲了。”萧炎笑了笑，倒并未将那些所谓的八大统领放在心上，那林朽虽说是六品斗尊，但这对于他来说，同样不具备太大的威胁力，这八大统领内，唯一让得他感觉点一点忌惮的，或许便是那位还未曾露面的大统领了。

“It is only natural for there to be trouble. If everything proceeded smoothly within this Gu clan, I would feel troubled.” Xiao Yan laughed. He was unconcerned about those eight great commanders. That Lin Xiu might be a six star Dou Zun, but he still did not pose a threat from Xiao Yan’s point of view. The only person among these eight great commanders whom Xiao Yan felt a little worried about was the first commander, who had yet to show himself.

“The ones I am worried about aren’t these eight great commanders. Instead, I am worried about the four great generals. They are the most talented people among the younger generation of the Gu clan. According to their potential, they are also the ones with the greatest possibility to become the Black Submerged King. You should be aware that the lowest requirement for each Black Submerged King is to reach the Ban Sheng class...” The Little Fairy Doctor spewed more information with a solemn voice.

“Ban Sheng, huh...”

Xiao Yan momentarily stopped walking. His dark-black eyes were filled with a graveness. The so-called four great generals were the true troublesome individuals. Facing these monster-like people really caused Xiao Yan to feel some pressure.

“If it’s a blessing, it’s not trouble. If it’s trouble, there is no escaping it... it is pointless to say all this now. If trouble wishes to find us, there will be nothing we can do. Regardless of whether it is for the reputation of the Falling Star Pavilion or my Xiao clan, there are some things that are

unavoidable.” Xiao Yan shook his head. The four great generals might indeed be troublesome, but they weren’t enough to cause Xiao Yan to step back because of the difficulty. There was nothing that he had not seen during these years. There were really not many people among the same generation that could get him to withdraw without fighting.

Even the true geniuses from the Gu clan would not be able to force him to back down.

“Huh?”

The fist under Xiao Yan’s sleeve suddenly tightened when this thought flashed across his heart. It was at this moment that he suddenly paused. It was as though he had sensed someone arriving. He abruptly lifted his head, and his gaze landed on the end of a small path in the forest. Three figures in black robes were randomly standing there. A dangerous feeling quietly spread from them.

The Little Fairy Doctor and the rest also sensed something when Xiao Yan discovered the three. The Dou Qi within their bodies began to circulate.

“You are that Xiao Yan from the Xiao clan right?”

The leader of the three black-robed individuals shook his black robe slightly and a somewhat shady laugh was slowly emitted. The laughter did not sound old. Clearly, its owner was not some old demon.

“Who are you?” Xiao Yan knit his brows and asked.

“Ha ha, I thought that you would have deep memories of us...” The black-robed leader laughed when he heard Xiao Yan’s question.

Xiao Yan’s expression sank when he heard this response. His eyes carefully swept over the three of them. A familiar feeling surged into his heart, causing his expression to become dense. “People from the Hall of Souls?”

“Compared to this name, I would prefer to hear you call us the Hun clan...” The black-robed man laughed. However, his laughter contained a sinister intent that could not be hidden.

Xiao Yan's expression was ice-cold. He started at these three people in a dense manner. Dou Qi swiftly circulated within his body. It was unexpected that he would meet people from the Hall of Souls here!

"There is no need to act like this. The task of capturing you should not be done by me. Therefore, I also do not have any intention of intervening. I have only come here because I wished to see how far the Xiao clan, which had firmly suppressed my Hun clan, has fallen..." The black-robed man grinned.

"You can get lost after seeing what you want!"

The Little Fairy Doctor coldly laughed. She clenched her hand, and a vast and mighty Dou Qi agglomerated into a Dou Qi whip in her hand. Her hand was ruthlessly swung. The long whip penetrated through air and explosively shot toward the black-robed person.

"Presumptuous!"

The other two figures coldly cried out when they saw the Little Fairy Doctor attack. They shook their sleeves and a clear crashing sound appeared. Two dark-black chains rushed out like poisonous snakes. They ruthlessly collided with the long Dou Qi whip.

"Bang!"

A frightening wind was created when they collided. The surrounding trees were immediately turned into dust...

"The reason I have come is not to attack you. All I wish to do is give you advice. Opposing my Hun clan will not lead to a good end..." The black-robed leader merely smiled when the blows of both parties were exchanged. He raised his head a little. A pale skinny young face was revealed under the black Doupeng. At this moment, the face that was revealed contained a dense smirk.

"Relax, sooner or later, you will swallow these words of yours." Xiao Yan calmly replied.

"Ke ke, I really hope for that day. However, I think that your final fate will not be much different from Xiao Xuan..." The black-robed man softly

laughed. His body slowly became illusory with this laugh. A moment later, it completely disappeared in a strange manner.

“Remember my name, Hun Ya. My ancestor was one of those who had seriously injured Xiao Xuan back then, resulting in his death. Therefore, this time around, the person who will finish you off will likely be me... this is fate. You will not be able to escape it. Ha ha.”

A faint laugh was slowly emitted from the empty space after the three black-robed figures disappeared. Finally, it resounded over the entire place. It was a long time later before it slowly disappeared.

Xiao Yan was without expression. His gaze only withdrew from the spot where those three had disappeared after the laugh had scattered. After which, he walked toward the house without a single word, but no one saw the clenched fist under his sleeve. A fierce glint flashed within his dark-black eyes.

“Hun Ya huh... since this is the case, the debt that your ancestor owed will be paid by you. The Gu Realm possesses the tomb of ancestor Xiao Xuan. Hence, let this place become the place where you will be buried!”

The Little Fairy Doctor’s group studied Xiao Yan’s back. Although Xiao Yan was remaining quiet, they could sense a dense killing intent seeping from his body. Clearly, Hun Ya had really sparked the murderous desire in Xiao Yan’s heart.

“This fellow will regret it...”

Chapter 1323: Opening of the Gu Realm

Three days swiftly passed as everyone waited. Xiao Yan's group did not head out during these three days. Lin Xiu and the others did not appear in front of them again, likely due to being reprimanded by Elder Gu Xun. However, Xiao Yan's group understood that such a method would not solve the problem.

Of course, Xiao Yan was not really concerned about such trouble. Ever since that person from the Hall of Souls called Hun Ya had appeared, his focus had basically been transferred to this person.

From the words that Hun Ya had said, Xiao Yan was aware that this person likely possessed some status within the Hun clan. After all, he possessed an ancestor who was strong. It was likely that Hun Ya also possesses a strong background within that Hun clan. Otherwise, he would not have two seven star Dou Zun experts as guards beside him. An expert of this strength would hold the position of a Tianzun within the Hall of Souls. An ordinary person would not be able to command them.

The words Hun Ya had said also hinted at the mystery behind the death of his ancestor Xiao Xuan. It seemed that he was surrounded and attacked by many experts. This ancestor of Hun Ya was one of them.

These matters occurred far too long ago. It was impossible to investigate them. Since this fellow had given him such murderous intent, there was nothing wrong with placing this matter on this fellow. Xiao Yan could not see through the strength of Hun Ya. It was likely that he possessed some special method to hide his strength. Based on Xiao Yan's guess, he was definitely quite strong. That faint sense of danger was not something an ordinary person could give him...

Although Xiao Yan was a little afraid of this person, it did not hinder the murderous intent within his heart. As long as this person remained in the Dou Zun class, the current Xiao Yan possessed the qualification to make him feel regret!

The Gu Sacred City became unusually lively when the morning sun on

the third day rained down. Today was the day that the door to the Gu Realm would open. Most of the people present were curious about this mysterious place. Not many people in this world possessed supernatural people to create a realm.

While wave after wave of noise was being emitted from the city, Xiao Yan's group was ready to leave. They exited the manor, followed the human flow, and swiftly headed to the middle of the city.

There was an extremely enormous lake in the middle of the Gu Sacred City. The lake was unusually clear. One was unable to see the other edge with a glance. That kind of depth caused people to feel creeped out.

At this moment, the surroundings of the lake were occupied by many human figures. Even the top of the surrounding buildings had many figures on them. Many gazes gathered on the clear lake. Numerous people wearing armor were standing tall on the lake. A powerful aura spread, causing no one to be bold enough to step onto the lake.

"Everyone, the Gu Realm will open soon. The area within the Gu Realm is extremely vast. It is unavoidable to lose your way if you randomly roam around. Should you end up barging into some spatial cracks, it is likely that you will end up dying in empty space. Therefore, I hope that everyone will not randomly roam around after entering." Elder Gu Xun, whom Xiao Yan's group had met yesterday, was standing in the middle of the lake. He was crying out in a loud and clear voice.

"There will be someone to receive you after entering the Gu Realm. After which, they will send everyone to the central area of the Gu Realm, the Gu Sacred Mountain Range... there are also the Gu clan descendant citizens within the Gu Realm. I hope that everyone will not disturb them. Otherwise, you might be blacklisted by our Gu clan... is everyone clear?"

Some courteous replies were emitted from outside of the lake after Gu Xun's words were heard.

"Gu clan descendant citizen?"

Xiao Yan was slightly startled when he heard this term.

“The Gu clan descendant citizen is the lowest level within the Gu clan, but it is also the most important level. After multiplying for a countless number of years, there are quite a number of Gu clan descendant citizens within the Gu Realm. All of them possess the Dou Di bloodline within their bodies. However, this bloodline is insignificant. Of course, some accidents or variations occur that result in the strength of their bloodline becoming stronger. Once these special descendant citizens are discovered, their statuses soar as they become a true member of the Gu clan. They will enjoy an incomparable honor.” Tian Huo zun-zhe smiled as he explained.

“A countless amount of new blood... no wonder the Gu clan hasn't declined over time.” Xiao Yan nodded. With such a large amount of descendant citizens, no wonder the Gu clan has an endless number of young geniuses. They are ultimate geniuses that were selected from a hundred thousand or even a million people.

Tian Huo zun-zhe smiled and nodded.

While the two were conversing, waves of ripples had suddenly appeared on the clam lake. Everyone sensed an extremely frightening spatial fluctuation spreading from the space above the lake.

“Chi!”

An extremely bright light pillar suddenly shot out when this kind of frightening spatial ripple had reached its peak. It connected with the energy of the city.

“Rumble!”

A thunder-like sound was suddenly emitted from the space above the ripple when the two connected. Space split apart in front of numerous shocked eyes. A moment later, a large door that led into the unknown deeps of space appeared in front of the many eyes present.

“The spatial door that leads to the Gu Realm has been opened. Everyone, please enter!”

Gu Xun smiled as he looked at the enormous spatial door. After which, he spoke in a loud and clear voice.

Gu Xun's words had just sounded when some figures around flashed. They rushed over and appeared in front of the spatial door. After curiously observing it, some skilled and bold individuals took the lead. They felt very assured when it came to the Gu clan and were not worried that the Gu clan would do anything to them.

With someone taking the lead, a commotion occurred in the crowd behind. Everyone began to rush toward the spatial door one after another. Even when faced with such a large scale, the spatial door appeared like a bottomless pit. No matter how many people squeezed in, it did not ripple even a little.

"Let's get moving..."

Xiao Yan smiled when he saw that there was no unusual signs on the spatial door. He took the lead to walk toward the lake. His foot stepped on the water, and he headed to the spatial door. The Little Fairy Doctor and the others followed close behind.

The edges of the spatial door were heavily guarded by the warriors of the Black Submerged Army. Xiao Yan saw Ling Quan and the second commander, Lin Xiu, who had revealed himself back then, at the leader's spot. He did not see the third commander Yang Hao. It was likely that he was still recuperating. After all, Xiao Yan's attacks had been quite heavy.

Lin Xiu narrowed both of his eyes when he saw Xiao Yan's group walking over. He glanced at Elder Gu Xun, who was busy. After which, his foot gently took a step to the left and coincidentally blocked the path in front of Xiao Yan's group.

Xiao Yan acted as though he did not see this roadblock. His feet continued to walk along the route that he had taken earlier. Finally, the bodies of the two gently collided together.

"Bang!"

A slight sound was quietly emitted the moment the collision occurred. The lake water under their feet suddenly formed many intense circular waves. However, the force which both people used was perfectly controlled. Hence, this ferocious collision did not stir much of a

commotion.

“Bang!”

Xiao Yan was without expression. His shoulder rapidly shook in a strange manner. Wave after wave of force came one after another with lightning-like speed and continuously collided with Lin Xiu’s shoulder.

“Groan!”

Lin Xiu’s expression paled as they collided again. The force that was being transmitted from Xiao Yan’s body was so hot that it was frightening. Moreover, that heat also hid a chill. The interlacing of the two immediately caused his shoulder to become numb. A muffled moan was emitted from his throat as his feet staggered back three steps on the surface of the lake. That final step even caused his foot to fall into the lake.

Clearly, this second commander of the Black Submerged Army was unable to gain an advantage in this collision.

Xiao Yan’s expression was clam. He glanced at Lin Xiu’s ugly expression but did not say anything. He once again stepped forward and headed toward the spatial gate.

“Xiao Yan, you should not be arrogant. There will naturally be someone to deal with you within the Gu Realm! I will wait for you to climb out like a dead dog!”

Xiao Yan’s act of ignoring him caused the veins on Lin Xiu’s head to bulge. He finally clenched his teeth the moment that Xiao Yan was about to enter the spatial door. A low and sinister voice was transmitted into Xiao Yan’s ears.

“You worry too much, second commander... you should take care of yourself first.”

Xiao Yan’s body paused, and he indifferently smirked. After which, he did not remain any longer. He stepped into the spatial door. The space rippled, and he quickly disappeared.

“Groan!”

Lin Xiu once again moaned when Xiao Yan disappeared. Immediately, a trace of blood seeped from the corner of his mouth in front of the stunned eyes of some people from the Black Submerged Army.

“Bastard!”

Lin Xiu’s expression was gloomy. Dou Qi surged to his right shoulder. After which, he suddenly spread his palm. A purple-brown flame mixed with a dense white color was shot out of his palm. It was shot into the lake, which emitted an extremely dense white fog and a sizzling sound.

This flame was naturally something that Xiao Yan had inserted into Lin Xiu’s body when they had exchanged blows earlier. However, Lin Xiu had been unwilling to show weakness in front of Xiao Yan earlier. It was due to this that he forcefully endured it. Nevertheless, he did not expect that forcefully enduring these frightening flames to cause such a degree of destruction within his body.

“Xiao Yan, I have underestimated you! However, it is not your turn as a bastard of a wasted clan to act arrogantly in my Gu Realm!

“There will naturally be someone to deal with you in the Gu Realm. I will wait here for when you climb out like a dead dog!

“Young miss isn’t someone that a person as lowly as you can desire!”

Chapter 1324: Heavenly Tomb

Clouds floated through an endless azure-blue sky. Occasionally, a breeze would blow, causing a green wave to stretch into the horizon on the grassland below...

“Chi!”

An intense fluctuation was suddenly being emitted in the sky, and an enormous dark-black spatial door strange appeared out of nowhere. Soon after it appeared, numerous figures began to slowly materialize from it. They stood in this foreign place.

“Is this the Gu clan? What dense natural energy. It is at least a couple of times greater than the outside world!”

“It is indeed a level that only an elite Dou Sheng can reach. This supernatural power is really unbelievable.”

Numerous exclamations gradually spread following the appearance of these human figures.

While everyone was exclaiming, Xiao Yan’s group also walked out of the spatial door. They sensed the dense energy and surprise flashed across their faces.

“What a powerful natural energy. If one trains here, one’s progress will be twice as fast as the outside world. This Gu clan is not only blessed in terms of training talent, they also possess such blessed land. It is not without reason that they are strong.” Xiao Yan inhaled a breath of air and exclaimed.

“This kind of opening of a realm is like creating another world. Although its size is not as large as the Dou Qi continent, this is the reason that the natural energy gathers here better. One would be able to obtain twice the results with half the effort when it comes to training.” Tian Huo zun-zhe also nodded and reasoned.

“Bang!”

While Xiao Yan was conversing with Tian Huo zun-zhe, the sound of

muffled thunder suddenly reverberated in the distant sky. Everyone saw large thick clouds surging toward them from all directions.

“Those are...”

Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes and observed the dark clouds. A moment later, his eyes suddenly shrank. “Flying battleships?”

When Xiao Yan discovered those dark clouds, some other sharp-eyed individuals had also discovered them and numerous exclamations were emitted. The dark clouds were formed by ten flying battleships in the sky and gathered around the battleships. Looking from a distance, it appeared as though the battleships were riding the dark clouds. They were accompanied by thunderbolts as they arrived. This appearance was spectacular.

“It is indeed worthy of being the Gu clan. This grandness is something that few factions in the Central Plains can compare with...” Xiao Yan softly sighed as he watched the battleships swiftly fly over.

“Rumble!”

The dark clouds were accompanied by thunderbolts as they arrived. After which, they slowly stopped in the sky. An elderly voice was transmitted from the battleships.

“Ha ha, all guests, please board the ships.”

After the elder’s voice sounded, one could see the lingering dark clouds suddenly part and form a gap. The end of the gap reached the battleships. Seeing this, some people took the lead to move after hesitating for a moment. They rushed onto a large battleship. Xiao Yan’s group waited for a moment and then followed after seeing no unusual changes.

Xiao Yan’s group only realized the enormous size of the battleships after boarding one. A person appeared exceptionally small when standing on it. One could see warriors from the Black Submerged Army holding long spears all over the battleships. Its defenses were unusually tight.

After everyone had entered the battleship, the elder’s voice from earlier sounded once again. Soon after, the body of the boat shook. Xiao Yan

sensed the surrounding spatial fluctuations grow more intense. He shut his eyes and sensed the surroundings and surprise quickly filled his face.

“Shuttling through space. What a mysterious battleship...”

“Ha ha, this kind of battleship is something that the Gu clan inherited from the ancient times. It is called a Space Shuttle Boat. In terms of its speed, it is likely that even an expert at the peak of the Dou Zun class would not be able to catch up with it. Unfortunately, such a thing is really too rare now.” A laugh was suddenly transmitted from behind Xiao Yan when he was feeling surprised.

Xiao Yan turned his head, only to see a white-robed man smiling behind them. On the forehead of this man, a life-like fire symbol slowly burned. This person was one of the people Xiao Yan had seen in the wine shop back then.

“Mister, thank you for the information.”

The smile of this white-robed man was natural. Xiao Yan could sense that he did not possess any ill thoughts. Xiao Yan also grinned, cupped his hands, and thanked him.

“Ha ha, you are too courteous. I am Huo Xuan...” The white-robed man smiled as he introduced himself.

“Xiao Yan...” Xiao Yan also replied with a smile. However, Huo Xuan merely waved his hand as he said, “The Pill Gathering Champion Xiao Yan. Ha ha, I naturally know who you are.”

“Brother Huo Xuan is likely a member of the Yan clan, right?” Xiao Yan smiled and inquired.

Huo Xuan was unsurprised that Xiao Yan was able to see through his identity. He grinned and nodded before saying, “If one were to talk about it, our two clans did have some relation a long time ago... I wonder if brother Xiao Yan has come to the Gu Realm because of the opening of the Heavenly Tomb?”

“Heavenly Tomb?”

Xiao Yan was startled when he heard this term.

Huo Xuan was also stunned when he saw Xiao Yan's reaction. He immediately came to a sudden understanding before saying, "This is my negligence. Ever since elder Xiao Xuan died, the Xiao clan has never come to the Gu Realm again. It is likely that some things have been lost during the inheritance."

"Can brother Huo Xuan tell me about this Heavenly Tomb?" Xiao Yan laughed.

"This matter is not some secret to you. Hence, it is fine to tell brother Xiao Yan about it." Huo Xuan hesitated for a moment before replying with a smile. "This Heavenly Tomb is left behind from ancient times. There are quite a number of tombs belonging to various experts there. Among them is the tomb of your ancestor, Xiao Xuan..."

Xiao Yan's heart pounded. It was unexpected that this so-called Heavenly Tomb was related to his ancestor. One of the reasons that he had come to the Gu Realm this time around was to make a trip to the tomb of his ancestor. He might be able to obtain something there.

"The Heavenly Tomb is extremely mysterious. It possesses the energy imprints of many experts from the ancient times, and with the flow of time, these imprints have transformed into their appearances from when they were alive. As long as one defeats them, one will be able to obtain the energy imprint and absorb it to raise one's strength." Huo Xuan laughed. "It should be known that these energy imprints are extraordinary. They are equivalent to a true high tier medicinal pill. Moreover, they are the type one can continuously consume without having its effects diminish by much."

"Of course, the most important thing is that time within the Heavenly Tomb flows slower than the outside world. Five days within the Heavenly Tomb is equivalent to one day in the outside world..."

"What?"

Even with Xiao Yan's calmness, he was involuntarily startled when he heard these words. This world actually possessed such a mysterious place?

Five days inside it was equivalent to one day outside? Would that mean only six days would pass in the outside world if one stayed for a month inside of it? If one stayed one year inside it, then only two months would have passed? If someone trained for a hundred years inside, would that person not become an ultimate expert when he came out? With this kind of excess time, even the most stupid fool would be able to obtain a great achievement.

“Ha ha, the Heavenly Tomb is mysterious. However, there is also a limit. This thing will open once every twenty years. One is able to stay three years within it at any one time, which is equivalent about half a year in the outside world...” Huo Xuan laughed. “Of course, only the clan members from the eight ancient clans qualify to enter the Heavenly Tomb. Other people will not possess such a qualification. Putting it this way, brother Xiao Yan is also able to enter it.”

“The Xiao clan has already fallen, but I can still enter?” Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes. After hearing Huo Xuan put it this way, the Heavenly Tomb was making him excited. Staying inside for three years would be enough for him to do many things. The thing that he felt he lacked the most now was time...

“These are the rules. Regardless of how down and out the Xiao clan is, it was once one of the eight clans. Of course, you should also understand that you will ultimately meet some trouble. However, given brother Xiao Yan’s strength, you should be able to resolve this troubles.” Huo Xuan spread his hands as he spoke.

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. After which, he cupped his hands to Huo Xuan and said, “Brother Huo Xuan, thank you for your information!”

“Ha ha, this is a small matter. If you really enter the Heavenly Tomb when the time comes, I might need to cooperate with you. Some of the other clans have a grudge with my Yan clan. It is always good to have an additional friend.” Huo Xuan smiled as he spoke. If Xiao Yan was an ordinary person, he would naturally not take the initiative to come forward. However, Xiao Yan was not only a member of the Xiao clan, he also possessed a great strength. These people were worth befriending...

Xiao Yan smiled and nodded. He naturally understood these logic. This Huo Xuan had perhaps only told him these secrets because of his strength. However, this was an ordinary occurrence. If he was in Huo Xuan's shoes, he would also not reveal secrets to people who were not related to them.

"Additionally, you should pay more attention to the people from the Hun clan and the Yao clan. There is no need to talk much about the Hun clan. Your Xiao clan has been enemies since long ago. The fall of the Xiao clan back then is definitely related to them... as for the Yao clan, it is due to your teacher Yao Chen. Ha ha, speaking of which, I did not expect elder Yao Chen to be someone from the Yao clan. This is something that my clan's elders only mentioned to me while on this trip." Huo Xuan laughed.

"If I have guessed correctly, the people the Yao clan have dispatched this time around should be Yao Xing Ji, who is called Human Medicine within the Yao clan. These members of the Yao clan do not think highly of the alchemists in the outside world. Additionally, you are a disciple of elder Yao Chen, whom the Yao clan abandoned back then, and you are rumored to be the strongest alchemist of the younger generation within the Central Plains. Given that fellow's character, he will definitely embarrass you if the both of you meet."

"Human Medicine, Yao Xing Ji, a strange title, a strange name..."

Xiao Yan repeated the names in his mouth. After which, he shook his head. Just hearing the names of these fellows already caused Xiao Yan to dislike him.

"Although his names are strange, it is rumored that he is a tier 8 alchemist. His actual strength is not inferior to you. You should be careful if you meet him." Huo Xuan reminded.

Xiao Yan nodded. The 8th Tier was not a bad level. Hopefully, this person would not offend him. Otherwise, he would let them know that even the disciple of someone abandoned by the Yao clan was stronger than their so-called core clan members!

The indignity that teacher had suffered shall be returned by this disciple

on behalf of his elderly self.

Chapter 1325: Gu Zhen

Huo Xuan bade Xiao Yan farewell and left after chatting with for awhile. Xiao Yan's face revealed an expression of contemplation as he studied Huo Xuan's back from the side. It was obvious that this Huo Xuan was here to express goodwill. Perhaps part of the reason was because of his current strength, but this was not completely the case. After all, the former was a member of the Yan clan. Moreover, the current Yan clan was not as dilapidated as the Xiao clan.

"This person is not simple. Even I am unable to see through his strength. He is indeed worthy of being from one of the eight ancient clan, appearing mysterious and unfathomable..."

Tian Huo zun-zhe and the others, who had withdrawn to the side, finally came over and exclaimed after seeing Huo Xuan leave.

Xiao Yan nodded. If he had guessed correctly, the strength of Huo Xuan should be that of a seventh star Dou Zun or stronger. Otherwise, he would not have been able to hide his strength from Tian Huo zun-zhe, whose strength had reached that of a six star Dou Zun. However, if one were to really talk about being mysterious, Xiao Yan still felt that the red-clothed lady was even more unfathomable. These ancient clans were indeed extraordinary. Fortunately, from the actions of Huo Xuan, the Yan clan was at least relatively friendlier.

"It will require half a day to travel from here to the Gu Sacred Mountain Range of the Gu Realm. We can only rest on the battleship during this time. Let's go..."

Xiao Yan softly laughed. After which, he led everyone to the other side of the battleship. This battleship was extremely large. However, its defenses were exceptionally tight. They came across fully armed warriors of the Black Submerged Army every few steps they took. This caused Xiao Yan to feel slightly surprised. It was likely that such a lineup would not be needed if they were merely here to receive this group...

"It seems that the Gu clan are worried about the people who have

entered the Gu clan, but it is only expected. The energy of this Gu Realm is so dense. If one stayed here to train, one would train much quicker than in the outside world. Some people with ulterior motives might secretly find a place to hide and train..." Xiao Yan pondered the thought. The conduct of the Gu clan was really watertight.

Following Xiao Yan's group's gradual advancement, they slowly arrived at a spot near the head of the battleship. There were much fewer people here compared to other places. However, the defenses around this area were not weak at all.

Xiao Yan seemed to lack interest once he walked to the head of the battleship. He was about to turn around and leave when his eyes suddenly paused on the front of the ship. There was a long-haired man with brilliant clothes seated there. A small wooden table had been set up in front of him. Two clear teacups had been placed on it.

Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes as he stared at this back. After which, he turned around and left without saying anything. He could sense the vast and mighty aura that was vaguely spreading from this person's body. Moreover, he did not like this kind of pretence.

"Friend from the Xiao clan. Since you are here, please take a seat..."

However, Xiao Yan had just turned around when a faint laugh was transmitted into his ear, causing him to stop.

Xiao Yan's expression was calm. His eyes exchanged glances with the Little Fairy Doctor's group but did not leave. Turning around, he walked toward that man and sat down opposite him. He raised his eyes and faintly inquired, "Someone from the Gu clan?"

The appearance of this long-haired man was not handsome. It could even be called ordinary. However, it gave one a mysterious convincing feeling.

"Ha ha, I am Gu Zhen." The long-haired man laughed.

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. His eyes swept across those surrounding warriors of the Black Submerged Army and discovered that the eyes of

these people contained a respect when they looked at this person. This respect, which originated from their hearts, was something that did not appear even when they were facing the second commander Lin Xiu.

“Black Submerged Army’s First Commander?” Xiao Yan was quiet for a moment before he softly asked.

The hand the long-haired man used to lift his teacup shook upon hearing these words. A circular ripple spread within the teacup as he laughed, “You are indeed worthy of being a member of the Xiao clan.”

“Are you waiting here in order to help Ling Quan’s group get back their faces?” Lin Dong asked without expression.

“Ha ha, those few little fellows have irritable characters and poor restraint. By letting them experience what it means by there is always someone greater, they will learn to withdraw some of their haughtiness. Moreover, they would not dare to come and look for me for something like helping them get back their face.” Gu Zhen laughed.

Xiao Yan stared at Gu Zhen in front of him. This person was quite gentle. This kind of light and gentle control was something that Xiao Yan had seen for the first time among the younger generation.

“Do you know why there are so many Black Submerged Army warriors guarding this battleship?” Gu Zhen was unconcerned about Xiao Yan’s focus as he suddenly asked a question.

“You are worried about people remaining in the Gu Realm, right?” Xiao Yan randomly replied.

“This is only part of the reason. There are a large number of descendant citizens inside the Gu Realm. They are the foundation of the Gu clan and are also the most important level within the Gu clan... their bodies possess the Dou Di bloodline. Although this amount is so thin that it is negligible, occasionally some variations form. These people will become the new blood of the Gu clan... of course, the reason that they possess such a chance to evolve is because of the Dou Di bloodline existing within their bodies...” Gu Zhen softly said. “However, this kind of bloodline is extremely faint. It could easily be suppressed. The method to overlay this

bloodline is very easy. As long as one weds an outsider...

“The Gu clan values the Dou Di bloodline. Therefore, we are worried that someone from outside the clan will cause this bloodline strength to disappear... as a result, we have taken precautions against anyone remaining in the Gu Realm for even a short period of time...”

Gu Zhen’s words paused when he said this. He looked at Xiao Yan and said, “This is the case for an ordinary descendant citizen and it is also the case for the core members of the Gu clan. Within the rules of my Gu clan, there is a clear rule that one is not allowed to wed outside of the clan! You are likely aware of what I wish to convey, right?”

Xiao Yan’s expression remained clam. He softly said, “I know but it is still useless against me.”

“These few sentences of mine naturally do not hold the hope of getting you to abandon your intentions. However, you should also be aware of just how greatly the Gu clan values the Dou Di bloodline. In order to ensure that the bloodline continues on, it is very difficult for there to be anything between you and the young miss.” Gu Zhen slowly placed his teacup down and said, “One should know when to withdraw in a difficult situation no matter what one can do. Otherwise, it is likely that it will be good for no one. This is not a threat, but a reminder... if you really like young miss, you should not drag her down. The current Xiao clan has completely declined.”

Xiao Yan gently rotated the Storage Ring on his finger. A moment later, he suddenly laughed, “Is the Dou Di bloodline really that powerful?”

Gu Zhen was stunned when he heard Xiao Yan’s words. He immediately smiled and replied, “Is there even a need to give a reply? These ancient clans are still strong even now. This is the best proof.”

Xiao Yan smiled but was non-committal. He continued asking, “What level must one reach in order to cause the Gu clan to ignore the bloodline?”

“Dou Sheng.” Gu Zhen lifted his brow and slowly answered.

“In that case, I will reach that level...” Xiao Yan grinned and responded.

“This is not a simple matter like opening one’s mouth. Remember, I am talking about a Dou Sheng. A genuine Dou Sheng and not a... Ban (Half) Sheng!” Gu Zhen frowned and said. “My Gu clan has never lacked experts at the peak of the Dou Zun class. However, they are unable to reach that level even after spending their entire life trying. I am aware that your talent is quite good. However, there are people within my Gu clan who are even more talented than you. Even these people are not confident that they can advance to a Dou Sheng. Just how can you be confident that you can achieve it?”

“This is because you are members of the Gu clan while I am not... this is because you people rely on the great strength of the Dou Di bloodline while I do not...” Xiao Yan smiled as he explained his confidence.

“As for whether I can reach the Dou Sheng class. Time will prove everything...”

The smile on Gu Zhen’s face was slowly withdrawn. His eyes stared at the confident face in front of him. A moment later, he finally sighed, “I am naturally quite satisfied if you really are confident. However, once you experience the difficulty of advancing to the Dou Sheng class, I hope that you will leave young miss because it will be bad for both of you if this continues.”

“Thank you for the reminder. I was able to reach this point today from being a trash of the Xiao clan by relying on not giving up. I am not the least bit afraid of facing the Hun clan. It is the same for the Gu clan!”

Gu Zhen’s face revealed a complicated expression when he heard that laugh beside him Not giving up. These were three simple words, but there were not many who could achieve their meaning...

“Bang!”

The battleship suddenly shook while Gu Zhen was sighing softly in his heart and the surrounding spatial fluctuation slowly disappeared. The speed of the boat was also reduced. A lush green mountain range in the distance appeared within one’s sight.

“Have we arrived at the Gu Sacred Mountain Range...”

Xiao Yan's heart suddenly pounded as the battleship flew closer to the mountain range, which was covered by clouds and fog. His body paused for a moment before he suddenly turned his head. His eyes shot to a mountain in the distance that was covered by clouds. A misty green figure was vaguely present there. Even though they were far apart, Xiao Yan could still sense a familiarity and longing from deep within his bones.

Two pairs of eyes interlaced with each other from across a vast distance. It appeared as though they had solidified.

Gu Zhen slowly stood up. He looked at the female deity-like figure on the mountain top. A complicated smile appeared on his face. During these many years, the only person who could get her to personally come to this place to receive someone was likely this man in front of him...

"Xiao Yan, there is a great difference in opinions toward you within the Gu clan. Everything will be fine if you can reach the Dou Sheng class. If you cannot, it is likely that you will meet with many difficulties. Therefore, I hope that you are able to achieve what you have said... young miss's eyesight should be quite good."

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. From his conversation with Gu Zhen, he could sense the pressure Xun Er was facing within the Gu clan.

"No one can stop me from being together with Xun Er, not even the Gu clan!"

Chapter 1326: A Lesson

Dark clouds rolled across the sky. The enormous battleship slowly came to a stop above this endless mountain range, attracting a countless number of gazes.

Everyone on the battleship gathered at the front of the ship. They looked at the precipitous mountain range below and sensed the auras of many experts within the mountain range. Quite a number of people were speechless. This was indeed worthy of being the headquarters of the Gu clan. The number of experts had already reached a terrifying number.

“Ke ke, everyone here is an important guest of the Gu clan. Please proceed!”

Quite a number of people politely responded after hearing that elderly voice resound across the battleship. After which, they moved their bodies and rushed down from the battleship before flying toward the cluster of buildings in the middle of the mountain range. That place was where the Gu clan would receive them.

Xiao Yan stood at the front of the ship but he did not move. His eyes were locked on a mountain in the distance. Tian Huo zun-zhe and the rest were standing behind him. Only the Little Fairy Doctor's eyes were locked on the distance. A complicated emotion was present in her eyes.

After staring for a long while, the figure on the top of the cloud finally began walking on the clouds. Her clothes fluttered as she appeared like a fairy. She carried an ethereal feeling as she stepped over the clouds and headed over in front of the many eyes. Finally, she was suspended outside of the battleship.

The eyes of everyone on the battleship were thrown over when they saw the sudden appearance of this green-clothed lady. A surprise appeared within their eyes.

This lady was wearing a pale-green dress. Her long black hair was randomly restrained as it spread across her narrow waist. It stretched all the way to her buttocks. Her hair would drift with the gentle wind when it

blew over., appearing out of this world... moreover, her pretty face caused this world to turn. Her alluring eyes were filled with an ethereal feeling, resulting in one having difficulty looking away.

After toppling a city, her beauty would topple a country. (Extremely beautiful)

Such an unparalleled beauty could really bring disaster to a country and its cities. Faced with such a lady that seemed to be born from the spiritual aura of the world, a perfect man would feel ashamed in front of her. It was as though such a person could not be found in this world...

A gentle smile was slowly lifted onto Xiao Yan's face as he studied her face with its soul deep familiarity.

"Xiao Yan ge-ge."

The green-clothed lady revealed a smile in front of many eyes. Her lovely figure flashed and appeared on the battleship. After which, a gentle voice sounded beside Xiao Yan's ears.

The familiar form of address was just like a heavy hammer that struck ruthlessly against the softest part within Xiao Yan's heart. He felt the impulse to violently embrace this person in front of him.

"Little girl, you are becoming more and more beautiful..." Xiao Yan forcefully endured that impulse. He softly laughed, extended his hand, and rubbed Xun Er's head in front of the stunned gazes of the warriors from the Black Submerged Army.

Gu Zhen looked at the lady, who had revealed a beautiful smile. However, he merely gave a bitter smile. He was aware that this kind of smile was something that had bloomed because of this person. It seemed that only when she was in front of this person would the indifferent female goddess Xun Er truly reveal this young lady-like emotion.

"This little fellow has actually hooked onto this female goddess of the Gu clan. No wonder those fellows from the Gu clan treated him like that... however, this little fellow is really too great." That gentle-looking young man from the Yan clan watched this scene from a corner of the battleship.

His face involuntarily filled with admiration.

“It will not be easy. The current Xiao clan is not the Xiao clan from back then...” The red-clothed lady with a veil over her face paused her eyes on Xun Er before softly speaking.

“Ha ha, you should not underestimate Xiao Yan. Being able to walk to this stage, where even we must view him seriously, from a wasted bloodline clan, is not something that an ordinary person can achieve... it is not impossible for the Xiao clan to prosper because of him.” Huo Xuan laughed and spoke indifferently.

The few people by the side involuntarily raised their eyebrows when they heard Huo Xuan high praise of Xiao Yan. However, they did not say anything. Clearly, they did not really trust his words.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, can you accompany Xun Er for a walk?”

Xun Er briefly reminisced about old times with Xiao Yan before she smiled and moved. After which, she rushed toward the mountain range. Xiao Yan behind her slowly inhaled a breath. He was aware that the reason Xun Er had shown herself to him was because she wished to display her determination to some in the Gu clan. Since this girl had acted without fear, Xiao Yan would naturally not act cowardly.

“Hee hee, since this is the case, allow me to see just how great this Gu clan is!”

A pride surged into Xiao Yan’s heart as he glanced over the continuous mountains that seemed permeated with an ancient aura. He loudly laughed, waved his hand, and led the Little Fairy Doctor’s group from the battleship. After which, he swiftly chased Xun Er.

Bang!

However, Xiao Yan’s sharp Spiritual Perception caught ten extremely powerful eyes sweeping over his body the moment he left the battleship. All of these eyes contained an extremely powerful pressure. It was as though even the surrounding space had stilled at this moment.

Hmph!”

Xiao Yan's expression sank as he sensed the change of the surrounding space. These people from the Gu clan really did wish to ruthlessly teach him a lesson.

“Bang!”

A hot flame suddenly exploded in the sky at that moment. The frightening fire wave spread in a rumbling fashion with Xiao Yan at the middle. That frightening temperature caused quite a number of people on the battleship to reveal a shocked expression.

“What a powerful Heavenly Flame!”

The red-clothed lady called Huo Zhi revealed a strange feeling in her eyes. She stared intently at the figure within the fire wave. At the same time, the fire seal between her brows also became hotter.

The flame raged and spread. The surrounding stilled space had suddenly split apart at this moment. Xiao Yan stepped with the flame and was suspended high in the sky. His eyes locked onto certain spots within the mountain range. The owners of these gazes were extremely powerful. However, it was really a ridiculous dream if they wished to rely on the pressure contained in their eyes to suppress Xiao Yan!

“Huh?”

A surprised exclamation materialized from the mountain range after they watched Xiao Yan break their solidified space in such an easy manner.

“How presumptuous! Elders, don't you know what etiquette is? Attacking the moment you meet a guest of the Gu clan. Are you trying to get others to think that our Gu clan is full of barbarians?”

Xun Er's lovely body flashed and appeared beside Xiao Yan as the fire wave surged. Her bright eyes were ice-cold as she overlooked the mountain range. Her cold and indifferent voice resonated.

“Young miss' words are too serious. We have not seen a member of the Xiao clan for many years. Now that we have met one, we ended up becoming momentarily excited and wished to probe his strength.”

An elderly figure slowly appeared in the sky after Xun Er's words had just sounded. This person was wearing gray robes. His face was cold, stern, and old-fashioned. His eyes contained an unfriendliness as he glared at Xiao Yan

Xiao Yan stared at the gray-robed old man who had appeared. Clearly, he was one of those who had attacked him earlier.

“An eight star Dou Zun, huh...”

Xiao Yan's gaze swept over the gray-clothed old man. A fluctuation flashed across his eyes. He coldly laughed in his heart. It seemed that there were quite a number of people within the Gu clan who hated him. This trip to the Gu clan would not be smooth.

“Elder Gu Qian, today is the day that our Gu clan is receiving guests. This act of yours is a little overboard. Leave, you will not do it again...”

A faint voice slowly spread from deep within the mountain range before finally resounding over the sky.

“Understood!”

Gu Qian respectfully cupped his hands to the deepest part of the mountain range when he heard these words. After which, he bowed to Xun Er and glanced indifferently at Xiao Yan. Then, he turned around and rushed to the deepest parts of the mountain range.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, are you alright?”

Xun Er watched Gu Qian leave before turning around to softly ask.

“I'm fine.” Xiao Yan smiled and shook his head.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, do you now know why Xun Er didn't want you to come to the Gu clan earlier?” Xun Er sighed. She did not expect these pedantic old fellows to not be able to control themselves. They had thought of attacking and deterring Xiao Yan the moment he had arrived at the Gu clan.

Xiao Yan smiled. He was naturally aware that Xun Er did not wish for him to come to the Gu clan to be mocked. Hence, she had repeatedly

asked him to raise his strength before coming to look for her.

“Let’s go. I already understood what I would face before I came to the Gu Realm... these matters cannot be left for you to bare alone. You have helped me withstand them for so many years, and it should be my turn...” Xiao Yan smiled as he spoke. With his current strength, he did possess the qualification to utter these words. If that Elder Gu Qian were to attack earlier, Xiao Yan would not allow him to gain the slightest advantage!

Xun Er was slightly startled when she heard Xiao Yan’s gentle voice. She sweetly smiled. She had indeed helped Xiao Yan delay the Gu clan for a long time. Fortunately, the current her had dragged it out until Xiao Yan had grown. The current Xiao Yan already possessed the ability to bear all of this with her.

A figure was standing with his hands behind his back on top of a steep mountain. His eyes watched Xiao Yan and Xun Er in the sky. A trace of black and white hair gently drifted in front of his forehead. A pair of cold demon-like eyes were visible under his hair.

“This Xiao Yan has finally come...”

A strange laugh suddenly sounded while a silver-robed man strangely appeared from behind.

“Gu Yao, looks like the relationship between Xun Er and him is quite good. Are you not intending on giving up?” The silver-robed man looked at the black-and-white-haired man in front of him and teased him.

“He is not a member of the Gu clan. Hence, he cannot be together with Xun Er. I will wake him up...” The other man’s calm voice was without the slightest fluctuation. It was as though he was mentioning an insignificant matter.

“What if he insists on not leaving?” The silver-robed man laughed.

The man’s eyes were lifted slightly as he muttered, “Then let him die...”

Chapter 1327: Devil General

After that Elder called Gu Qian was told to withdraw, Xun Er's bright eyes once again swept over the vast mountain range. They finally paused on a green mountain. She could sense an extremely faint but exceptionally icy killing intent.

"Gu Yao... if you dare try anything funny, I will definitely not let you off!" Xun Er clenched her hand as a furious expression flashed across her pretty eyes.

"Let's go, Xiao Yan ge-ge..." Xun Er slowly suppressed the fluctuation within her heart. She turned to Xiao Yan beside her, only to discover that his eyes had also locked on the spot where her eyes had paused earlier.

"A very strong person." Xiao Yan softly said. With his outstanding Spiritual Perception, he could sense an extremely faint but dangerous aura spreading from that mountain. Moreover, this aura was clearly targeting him.

"Ordinary means are useless if one wishes to truly remove some resistance within the Gu clan!"

Xiao Yan's expression was calm. Although he had defeated Ling Quan and Lin Xiu, who were the experts of the Gu clan's younger generation, in Gu Sacred City, he understood that they were far from sufficient to prove his strength. In the eyes of the old fellows from the Gu clan, defeating Lin Xiu's duo would not cause them to look at him differently. Hence, the current Xiao Yan needed to find a peak expert of the younger generation within the Gu clan. Someone who possessed a truly great reputation and make that person his opponent. Moreover, he must win such an exchange. Otherwise, those clan members within the Gu clan, who had remained neutral, might start opposing him.

Therefore, he must not fail!

It was obvious that Lin Xiu's group did not possess the qualification to be called such an opponent. Gu Zhen possesses quite a great reputation within the Black Submerged Army. However, he had yet to reach the peak

level among the younger generation within the Gu clan. Currently, there were only four people in the Gu clan who met such a requirement. They were the four generals of the Black Submerged Army!

Xiao Yan was certain that the dangerous aura from earlier should be from one of the four generals!

“Let’s go...”

Xiao Yan slowly withdrew his eyes. He smiled at Xun Er as he spoke.

“Aye.” Xun Er slightly nodded. Her delicate body moved, and her posture was as alluring and elegant as a flying butterfly. Xiao Yan’s group followed close behind her in front of the many gazes around.

That man on the distant green mountain with the black and white hair over his forehead stared in the direction where Xiao Yan’s group had headed. A faint cold smile was lifted on his face.

“Ha ha, he is indeed worthy of being from the Xiao clan... that gaze he threw over earlier... you should be aware of what it means, right? He actually wishes to challenge you...” That silver-robed man laughed.

“Challenge, huh... a cow that is just born isn’t afraid of the tiger...” Gu Yao raised his eyes and faintly said. “Tomorrow will be the adult ceremony. According to the rules, I can choose my own opponent. Seeing that he is full of such courage, I shall give him a chance tomorrow... as for Xun Er, she will understand my actions in the future.”

Gu Yao’s figure gradually became illusory after his voice slowly sounded. A moment later, he completely disappeared.

“Ha ha, how interesting. How many years has it been since the younger generation of the Gu and Xiao clans have exchanged blows? I really anticipate whether this Xiao Yan can surprise us...”

The silver-robed man laughed. His body gradually became blurry and completely disappeared a moment later. Only low laughter continued to reverberate over the mountain.

While being led by Xun Er, Xiao Yan’s group did not head to the special

receiving area of the Gu clan. Instead, they stopped in front of a bamboo house in the deepest parts of the mountain range. At this moment, an elderly figure was smiling as he watched Xiao Yan's group descend in front of the bamboo house.

“Old Ling?”

Xiao Yan was startled when he saw the familiar figure in front of the bamboo house. He immediately smiled and cupped his hands together.

“Ha ha, it has been less than ten years. It is unexpected that young master Xiao Yan has already reached such a stage. It really causes the old me to feel ashamed...” Ling Ying sighed. When he had been under orders to secretly protect Xiao Yan back then, Xiao Yan had merely been a young and inexperienced individual who had just washed off the humiliation from having his engagement canceled, yet that youth was now a renowned expert across the Central Plains.

“Let's go. Please enter first. This place is my training area. Seldom anyone can come here. I think that Xiao Yan ge-ge will likely not like to go anywhere else.” Xun Er smiled and spoke.

Xiao Yan nodded. The environment of this place was quiet. It matched what he liked. After what he had done, it was likely that he was already a hot conversation topic for the Gu clan. Therefore, he did not wish to head to those places to be observed by others like a monkey.

The group followed Xun Er and entered the bamboo house. After which, they sat down in the living room. Xiao Yan took the opportunity to introduce both parties. When Xun Er and Ling Ying heard that the delicate and pretty-looking Qing Lin possessed the Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils, a surprise expression flashed across their faces. They had also heard about these mysterious eyes.

“Young master Xiao Yan, the time for you to come to the Gu clan is far earlier than what the old me expected...” Ling Ying sighed. Originally, he thought that Xiao Yan would require at least twenty years before coming to the Gu clan. Astonishingly, he had arrived after about ten years.

“However, with young master Xiao Yan's strength, you do possess the

qualification to come to the Gu clan. Young miss will be able to relax a little with you here. There are many people in the clan that suggest bringing everyone from the Xiao clan into the Gu realm. I think that you should be aware of the intention of bringing them here. Fortunately, young miss and some Elders opposed it. Only then was the thought dispelled from those people.”

“However, this was only a temporarily peace because someone brings up such a suggestion almost every year. In order to obtain enough time for you, young miss had entered a prolonged period of retreat. The Gu clan greatly values their bloodline. The denser one’s bloodline is, the greater the weight that person’s words carry... young miss has continuously undertaken a retreat to bitterly train during these years in order for her words to become even more important. Only by doing this will she be able to suppress the suggestions of those within the clan who are prepared to attack the Xiao clan. The process was difficult. Fortunately, young miss eventually succeeded. The status of the current her within the clan is such that even some Elders would have to greet her when they meet. The decision to attack the Xiao clan had been suppressed by her until now...”

Ling Ying sighed when he spoke until this point. He said, “The old me is aware that young master Xiao Yan must have undergone many hardships in order to reach your current level within a short decade. However, young miss has also put in a great amount of effort...”

“Old Ling...” Xun Er softly cried out. After which, she shook her head at Ling Ying and indicated that he should not continue to speak.

Ling Ying smiled when he saw her shake her head. He said, “This old fellow is like this. I cannot control my mouth.”

Xiao Yan faintly smiled. His dark-black eyes stared at this elegant appearance that could bring disaster to countries and cities. He gently held Xun Er’s hands and softly said, “It has been hard on you during these years. I shall bare all of this in the future. I will resolve the pressure from your clan...”

A bright redness surfaced on Xun Er’s face as she sensed the warmth

that was transmitted from her hand. Her heart felt a little pleased. Regardless of how strong she showed herself to be in front of her clan members, she was still a girl. Her heart possessed the softness of a girl. She appeared to be satisfied that her many years of effort could obtain these words. She did not hope for much. Although she possessed an incomparable talent and an powerful bloodline, she was incomparably persistent and even stubborn when it came to the matters of her heart.

The feelings she had developed when she was young had been buried deep within her memories. They had gradually fermented with the flow of time, turning mellow and moving.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, tomorrow will be the adult ceremony within the Gu clan. This adult ceremony usually has nothing to do with you guests who have been invited. However, due to you being a member of the Xiao clan as well as my involvement, this adult ceremony will definitely involve you...” Xun Er slightly knit her brows and said, “According to the rules, any clan member who participates in the adult ceremony will be able to choose someone to spar with. Some people will likely not easily give up such a fair opportunity.”

“Of course, with Xiao Yan ge-ge’s current strength, there are not many people who can defeat you even within the younger generation of the Gu clan. However, there are four people who are likely not included...”

“The four great generals?” Xiao Yan softly inquired.

“Aye... the strength of these four are all at the eighth star Dou Zun level and above. Moreover, they are said to be existences with the highest chance of becoming the Black Submerged King...” Xun Er’s face was grave as she said. “Among the four of them, the one who will most likely target you is the one called Devil General, Gu Yao.”

“Devil General, Gu Yao...” Xiao Yan slowly muttered. He immediately said, “The person from earlier should be him, right?”

“Aye.” Xun Er nodded. Her heart was a little surprised. It was unexpected that Xiao Yan had sensed Gu Yao’s aura.

“Gu Yao’s talent is extraordinary. He also possesses an extremely rich

Dou Di bloodline. Most of the people within the clan hope that I will get together with him. Half a year ago, he has also took the initiative to mention this to the Elder Council. However, he was rejected by me. The reason is because of Xiao Yan ge-ge...” Xun Er bitterly laughed and said. “Given his character, he will definitely target you during tomorrow’s adult ceremony. He clearly understands that if he defeats you during such an occasion, those remaining neutral within the clan will lean to his side...”

Xiao Yan slightly nodded. The teacup in his hand suddenly formed some ripples. He similarly understood that this was a rare opportunity for him. If he lost, the members of the Gu clan would not think greatly of him. However, if Gu Yao lost, those Elders within the Gu clan would likely have difficulty finding any excuse to find trouble with the matter between Xiao Yan and Xun Er in the future!

Therefore, this battle with Gu Yao was the intersection between paradise and hell!

Hence, he could not lose this fight!

Chapter 1328: Mang Tian Chi

The night sky was like water that spread over the land. Cool moonlight scattered down and covered the entire mountain range with a layer of silver yarn.

In the middle of the mountain range, a cluster of buildings stood one after another. They were like numerous ancient beasts standing under the moonlight, emitting traces of an ancient aura. At this moment, these halls were well lit. These few days was a festive period for the Gu clan and many places were well lit and decorated. It was filled with a joyous atmosphere.

It appeared exceptionally quiet on a mountain far from these magnificent ancient halls. Without the noise, this place was just like the residence of a hermit. It was calm and quiet.

A snow-white figure stood on the mountain top in an elegant manner. Her pretty eyes were staring at the well-lit halls without making any noise. No one knew just what she was thinking.

“Aren’t you going to rest?”

A gentle voice suddenly sounded on the top of the mountain. A green-clothed figure walked out from the woods. The moonlight scattered across her elegant face, causing her to appear exceptionally enchanting.

“This is the Gu Realm, huh... it is actually no different than the outside world.” The white-clothed figure turned her head and looked at Xun Er, who was walking over slowly.

“The pressure that one has to face here is far greater than in the outside world. The Gu clan relies on the strength of its bloodline. However, it has also become desolate because of it. This Gu Sacred Mountain Range is the holy ground in the hearts of all the descendant citizens of the Gu Realm. Every few years, countless numbers of descendant citizens will bring their descendants to this place hoping that there will be someone with a powerful bloodline among them. Each time around, there will be some people who rejoice, but most of them end up with endless

disappointment. During these years, I have seen many people who could not accept the blow of having discovered that their descendants bloodline has been wasted. They end up committing suicide on the spot...” Xun Er pretty eyes were distant as she looked at the well-lit halls. Her soft voice contained a helplessness that seeped deep into her bones.

“Since it is strong, there will naturally be a price to pay...” The Little Fairy Doctor quietly nodded and softly replied.

Xun Er sighed. She naturally also understood this. This was the price that the Gu clan had to pay for its great strength...

“Thank you very much for all these years...” Xun Er clearly did not wish to get overly entangled on this topic. She turned her head and looked at the gentle pretty face next to her as she said.

“Are you referring to Xiao Yan... I am used to it. I feel quite good to be able to help him by his side.” The Little Fairy Doctor did not hide much in front of this girl, who was aware of her inner heart. She laughed in a free and easy manner. After which, she glanced at Xun Er and said, “You should not do as you please and say random words. I like this present feeling and do not wish to change anything.”

“However, he will continue to be obtuse if you don’t say anything.” Xun Er spoke with a smile.

The Little Fairy Doctor was noncommittal. She glanced at Xun Er before suddenly saying, “I think that you should also be aware of some things related to him, right?”

“What are you referring to?” Xun Er raised her pretty face and asked.

The Little Fairy Doctor hesitated for a moment but did not say anything.

“Are you referring to Medusa or perhaps Cai Lin?” Xun Er lifted her head slightly. Her pretty eyes looked at the star filled sky. An unknown feeling was present within her eyes.

“You are indeed aware of it. Why do you act as though you are unaware of anything in front of him?” The Little Fairy Doctor sighed. With the information gathering ability of the Gu clan and Xun Er’s current status in

the Gu clan, all she needed to do was open her mouth and quite a number of people would deliver the relationship between Cai Lin and Xiao Yan to her..

“So what if this is the case? Don’t tell me that I should become furious in front of him and get him to kill Cai Lin?” Xun Er curled her small mouth. The corner of her mouth was curled into a shallow and alluring arc. It seemed that she wanted to smile but ended up softly sighing. She muttered, “Actually, I have a headache over this matter. Other people only hope that I will leave him and even end up hating him over this matter. However, I am aware that this is impossible. Since this is the case, why should I make myself unhappy?”

Xun Er glanced at the Little Fairy Doctor when she finished speaking. She said, “I am waiting for him to take the initiative to bring up this matter. At that time, I will be able to act ruthless and punish him, allowing him to understand that a man who is fickle when it comes to the matter of the heart will not end up with a good ‘ending’!”

The Little Fairy Doctor glanced at Xun Er. There was a slight anger on her face at this moment. This matter was just like a furious woman, who had discovered that her husband was secretly having an affair.

“Alright, I do not wish to discuss such a matter with someone else. Tomorrow is the adult ceremony of the Gu clan. You should also rest early. Hopefully, you will be able to continue to accompany him in the future...” The trace of fury on Xun Er’s face quickly disappeared as she spoke with a laugh.

“What about you?” The Little Fairy Doctor lifted her narrow eyebrow as she asked.

Xun Er’s delicate and long eyebrows twitched slightly but she did not reply. She waved her hand, turned around, and walked to the bamboo house on the middle of the mountain.

The Little Fairy Doctor’s eyebrows were knit slightly as she watched Xun Er’s back. However, she ceased opening her mouth to inquire. Her body flashed as she followed.

The Gu Sacred Mountain Range had become lively when the first ray of morning light scattered down from the sky. Numerous figures shot through the sky. Various gongs and drums that were filled with joy resounded across the mountain range.

“Creak...”

A tightly shut door was slowly opened. Xiao Yan, who had already changed into fresh clothes, swiftly walked out. His eyes swept around the area in front of his room, only to see that Xun Er was waiting for him here. He felt a little embarrassed.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, have you rested enough?”

Xun Er smiled as she stepped forward. Her hand gently pressed against the creases on Xiao Yan’s clothes. Her gentle actions were just like an obedient wife. Should the other members of the Gu clan witness this scene, it was likely that their eyes would turn completely red. During these years, Xun Er was elegant and ethereal, appearing like a goddess in front of them. They couldn’t imagine just how heartbreaking the scene of their goddess helping a man arrange his clothes was.

Xiao Yan smiled and nodded. He sensed the warm hand touching the front of his chest. A fluctuation appeared in his heart before he swiftly withdrew his emotions. His eyes stared into the distant at many buildings before saying, “The adult ceremony is about to begin, right?”

“Aye, let’s leave.”

Xun Er smiled. She beckoned with her hand and a completely snow-white strong-looking single-horned beast flapped its snow-white wings and flew out of the forest. After which, it stopped in front of everyone. The lovely body of Xun Er flashed, and she appeared on the spacious back of the single-horned beast. Xiao Yan’s group swiftly rushed onto it after seeing her move. After which, Xun Er gently patted the single-horned beast. It flapped its wings amid a clear cry before turning into a ray of light that swiftly rushed toward the many halls in the distance.

The speed of the single-horned beast was extremely quick. Within a short couple of minutes, they had arrived where the many buildings stood.

They slowly landed at the middle of the cluster of buildings under Xun Er's guidance.

With Xun Er accompanying them, Xiao Yan's group was undoubtedly the most eye-catching. Hence, numerous strange gazes from around them were shot over the moment they leaped down from the single-horned beast.

"Let's go..."

Xun Er ignored these gazes. She called out to Xiao Yan's group before taking the lead as they swiftly headed to the middle of an enormous stadium covered in an ancient aura.

There were many warriors from the Black Submerged Army wearing their black armor around the ancient stadium. Their sharp eagle-like eyes continuously swept around them. Those sharp eyes clearly paused when they saw Xiao Yan. However, they did not do anything else.

Quite a number of figures had already taken their seats around the stadium. However, Xun Er's footsteps did not pause. Instead, she walked toward the seats in the middle of the square. Xiao Yan's group behind her hesitated a moment before following.

"Clang!"

Xun Er's slow footsteps had just entered this area when long spears clashed together. Two warriors in golden armor had used their long spears to block Xiao Yan's group.

Xun Er's expression immediately changed when she heard this deafening sound. A fury slowly rose within her heart.

"Move aside!"

The two warriors in golden armor were startled when they heard the icy-cold voice sounding beside their ears. They hesitated a little.

"Young miss, there is no need to make things difficult for them. This area is a special place. Anyone who has not specifically been invited by the clan is not allowed to enter. Please understand..."

A faint laugh was slowly emitted. The calm Xiao Yan swept his eyes around and discovered an old man with his hands behind his back. This old man was similar to Gu Qian. From the golden-armored warriors in this region, Xiao Yan was aware that this place was likely a special area. He was not very interested in such an area. However, Xun Er did not think this way. Since Xiao Yan had come to the Gu clan, there was naturally a need for her to give him the best hospitality.

This place was a little eye-catching, and Xun Er was also present. Hence, many eyes from immediately shot over. Finally, they gathered onto Xiao Yan. Quite a number of their eyes contained a playfulness.

“Young miss, elder brother is right. Although Xiao Yan is your good friend, he has not reached the requirement. Therefore...” A voice from the side was transmitted over. It was Elder Gu Qian who had attacked Xiao Yan back then.

Xun Er’s face was ice-cold. Her pretty eyes vaguely contained a golden flame within them. The repeated obstruction by these old fellows seemed to have truly aroused a fury within her heart.

“Gu Qian, Gu Xu, did you two shameless old fellows get it right? The old me is also lazy to bother about the two of you bullying someone. However, you two have bullied my Jia Nan Academy. Do you really think that the old me is a softie?”

Before Xun Er was about to erupt, a furious curse erupted across the sky. Xiao Yan was somewhat familiar with this voice, causing him to be slightly startled.

“Mang Tian Chi?”

Gu Qian’s duo was startled while Xiao Yan was feeling stunned. Their expressions immediately changed slightly as a shocked voice was emitted from their mouths.

Chapter 1329: Start of the Rites

A space in the sky distorted. After which, an elderly figure appeared in front of many people's eyes. This figure raised his arm the moment he appeared. Two majestic Dou Qi pillars that contained a powerful lightning glow explosively shot toward the Gu Qian duo below.

“You...”

Gu Qian and Gu Xu were extremely furious when they saw this figure attacking as he pleased. Before they could curse out loud, they hurriedly pulled back while wearing ugly expressions.

“Chi...”

The two vast lightning glows shot through the sky like a meteorites. However, before they could strike the bodies of the duo, an invisible force suddenly spread. This force coincidentally received the two lightning glows.

“Why is it you?”

Xiao Yan looked at the elderly figure descending from the sky. He was stunned when he saw that somewhat familiar face because he had discovered that the old man who had intervened and aided him was actually that mysterious old man he had met at the empty realm lightning pool. The one that was always saying “Is this right?” An exclamation was involuntarily emitted from his mouth.

“You... you your head. Do you know how to be polite? Call me headmaster!”

That elder with the surname Mang blew at his beard and chided when he heard Xiao Yan's exclamation.

“Headmaster?” Xiao Yan's eyes were a little at a loss. A moment later, he finally recovered. He was stunned as he watched the elder with the surname Mang in front of him, “You... you are the headmaster of the Jia Nan Academy?”

“What nonsense! Other than the old me, who is called Mang Tian Chi,

who would dare call himself this?” The old man’s beard rose a little. He smiled as he observed Xiao Yan. After which, he extended his hand and pinched him. Only then did he laugh, “Not bad, not bad. That fellow Su Qian did not lie to me. He has finally taught a student who appears acceptable...”

The corner of Xiao Yan’s mouth twitched. He looked at the smiling old man in front of him. For a moment, he found it difficult to connect this person to the extremely mysterious Inner Academy headmaster of the Jia Nan Academy.

“I actually failed to recognize you when we met last. After returning and thinking about it for a couple of days, I finally remembered that you are the Xiao Yan. That fellow Su Qian repeatedly told me about you through his messages...” Mang Tian Chi patted Xiao Yan’s chest. He appeared extremely righteous as he said, “You can rest assured. Since you are a student of the Jia Nan Academy and a student who meets the strict standards of the old me, the old me will protect you if any problems occur in the future.”

Xiao Yan bitterly smiled. This old fellow really did not appear like a mysterious headmaster. Instead, he was like an old bandit who had just barged out of a bandit’s nest.

“Thank you old mister Mang.” Xun Er by the side also recovered from her shock as she spoke with a smile.

“It’s a small matter...” Mang Tian Chi randomly waved his hand. After which, his eyes roamed over Xun Er and Xiao Yan. He said with a strange smile, “I was wondering why they have been making things difficult for a member of the younger generation like you. You have actually grasped the most outstanding flower of the Gu clan...”

Xiao Yan’s face was a little green when he heard these words. Xun Er’s face by the side also flushed a bright red.

“Old mister Mang, this is not the Lei clan!”

The Gu Qian duo, who had been forced back by the lightning glow earlier, stepped forward with furious expressions. Gu Qian spoke with a

deep voice at this moment.

Mang Tian Chi glanced at the two of them, but he ignored them. His eyes shifted to an area of empty space as he said, “Old demon Shan. You should stop favoring these two old fellows. Ordering a person to cause trouble for a member of the younger generation clearly shows that you are a little too narrow-minded.”

“Gu Qian, Gu Xu, withdraw...”

The empty space fluctuated slightly and a black-robed white-haired old man appeared in a strange manner. He descended from the sky. He cupped his hands to the cold-faced Xun Er before looking at Mang Tian Chi. He sighed somewhat helplessly and said, “Old fellow, since you wish to step forward, I shall give you face this time around.”

This white-haired old man swung his sleeves after uttering these words before walking to some seats a short distance away. He had never once glanced at Xiao Yan throughout the entire exchange.

“Chi, still acting cool for the old me...” Mang Tian Chi curled his lips when he saw the back of the white-haired old man. After which, his eyes landed on Xiao Yan. He wanted to say something, but merely patted his back in the end. He said, “Little fellow, you are quite bold. You obviously know that someone in the Gu clan will find fault with you, yet you dared to come here. However, you can rest assured. Su Qian has sent me a couple of messages. All of the messages have requested me to take good care of you should I meet you. Those old fellows from the Gu clan will still give me face here. However, you should understand that you will have to rely on yourself if you wish to truly get those old fellows to see you in a different light.”

“Thank you for your reminder headmaster.”

Xiao Yan cupped his hands and sincerely replied. He was able to hear a concerned tone in Mang Tian Chi’s words.

“Let’s go...” Mang Tian Chi smiled. After which, he turned around and walked to some seats in one corner. Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment before leading the Little Fairy Doctor’s group, who also wore ugly

expressions. Finally, they sat in the seats beside Mang Tian Chi.

“That old man from earlier is called Gu Shan. He is one of the extremely experienced Elders within the Gu clan. His strength is also quite great, and he possesses some influence within the Gu clan. Moreover, he is also one of those who resolutely objects our relationship.” Xun Er softly explained after they took their seats.

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. He could sense just how frightening Gu Shan was. It was likely that he was at least at the peak of the Dou Zun class. The number of experts within this Gu clan had indeed reached quite a frightening level.

While Xiao Yan was softly chatting with Xun Er, his eyes had swept over this special area. Those who could enter this place were renowned people from the Gu clan. However, Xiao Yan saw some familiar faces among these people. They were Huo Xuan’s group. Huo Xuan had chatted with him on the boat. When Xiao Yan looked at them, Huo Xuan also smiled and nodded at him.

Xiao Yan returned a smile to Huo Xuan. After which, he glanced at the left side of the stage. A group of people were clustered there. Most of these people were from the younger generation of the Gu clan. Xiao Yan saw Gu Zhen, Lin Xiu, Ling Quan, and a couple of Black Submerged Army commanders there. At this moment, the eyes of the few of them were staring at him in a gloating manner.

Such an expression in their eyes caused Xiao Yan to slightly frown. He had just withdrew his eyes when they suddenly gathered on a corner at the front. A figure with a sharp murderous aura was seated at that spot. This person had black and white hair. The aura all over his body was as cold as ten thousand-year-old mysterious ice. One felt a chill over one’s entire body when one looked at him.

Xiao Yan’s eyes were grave as he studied this statue-like back. He could sense a wave of familiar killing desire slowly spreading from the body of this person. Moreover, the target of this killing intent was him.

“Devil general, Gu Yao!”

Xiao Yan slowly exhaled a breath of air. The fist under his sleeve suddenly tightened. Such a killing intent was the same as the one he had sensed yesterday. Clearly, this should be that devil general, whom Xun Er had said was a great threat to him.

As the target of this wave of killing intent, it was obvious that Xiao Yan's every action had been absorbed by Gu Yao ever since Xiao Yan had arrived. Xiao Yan's act of staring at Gu Yao was probably being sensed by him.

"This person will be a strong opponent!"

A solemnness flashed across Xiao Yan's eyes. The most troublesome opponent of the same generation of Xiao Yan was likely this so-called devil general.

"Xiao Yan ge-ge, be careful of him."

Xun Er also sensed when Xiao Yan had stared at the icy-cold back. She clenched her hand. A chill flashed across her pretty eyes as she softly spoke.

Xiao Yan slowly nodded.

"Additionally, the Heavenly Tomb will open soon after the adult ceremony is completed. You can enter that place with your qualification. However, some Elders will obstruct you..." Xun Er frowned as she spoke.

"You can relax. I will help speak up for this little fellow when the time comes. It is likely that those old fellows from your clan will not make things overly difficult for him on account of my old face." Mang Tian Chi at the front stretched his lazy waist as he spoke.

"In that case, I will thank old mister Mang." Xun Er immediately laughed when she heard his words.

"Won't you purposefully speak for the old me to hear? Little girl, you are trying to pull some schemes in front of the old me..." Mang Tian Chi rolled his eyes as he replied.

Xun Er smiled but did not refute the claim. It would be a little too

wasteful if one did not use such a good bargaining chip.

“However, Xiao Yan must successfully pass this test if he wishes to enter the Heavenly Tomb. You should be aware of what I am talking about...” Mang Tian Chi turned his head to glance at Xiao Yan. After which, his chin was lifted to ice-cold back in front. He softly said, “As long as you are able to last one hundred exchanges in the hands of that fellow without being defeated, that will be enough to silence some old fellows. The matter of entering the Heavenly Tomb will also be much easier then.”

“A hundred exchanges?”

Xiao Yan was slightly startled, but he did not say anything. The fist under his sleeve was gently clenched. This was not the result that he needed!

“Gong!”

An ancient ‘gong’ sound suddenly rang around this stadium when Xiao Yan clenched his fist. The ‘gong’ sound spread in a mighty manner. It spread over this spacious mountain range.

“Time’s up. Let the ceremony begin...”

After the gong sound appeared, a calm voice filled with a great might was suddenly emitted from empty space. That voice contained a frightening pressure that caused quite a number of people in the stadium to gently inhale a breath of cool air.

“A Dou Sheng, a genuine Dou Sheng!”

A shocked expression appeared in Xiao Yan’s eyes as he sensed the pressure that originated from deep within his soul. This was the first time that he had sensed a genuine Dou Sheng pressure.

Chapter 1330: Bloodline Grade, Clan Tattoo!

After the vast and mighty voice sounded, three Gu clan Elders with extremely formal clothes stood up from their seats a short distance away with stern expressions. After which, they entered the stadium. At this moment, there were many tools present at that place. The adult ceremony of the Gu clan was quite complicated because one was only considered fully grown after one had undergone the adult ceremony of the Gu clan. The younger generation could only be considered a part of the core of the clan after the adult ceremony. Even marriages could only be conducted after one completed the adult ceremony.

“The true experts from the Gu clan have yet to show themselves...”

Xiao Yan's eyes swept around this special area. Other than a small number of Elders from the Gu clan, he did not see anyone on the level of the clan head of the Gu clan. Clearly, these important people would not reveal themselves even at such a moment. However, he wondered who that voice belonged to since it contained a Dou Sheng's pressure?

“Although they do not show themselves, there is some vague auras present here. It seems that these important people are observing events despite not showing themselves.”

Through his sharp Spiritual Perception, Xiao Yan probed for a moment before discovering strange fluctuations in the sky. His heart felt a sudden understanding at this moment.

“The ceremony will begin. Ling Quan!”

The three Elders from the Gu clan on the square completed their preparations while Xiao Yan was quietly thinking to himself. After which, they followed the list of names and read the first name, which Xiao Yan was extremely familiar with.

Ling Quan hurriedly stood up when he heard the cry of the three Elders. His body moved and he rushed into the square with high spirits. He bowed

respectfully to the three Elders. There was naturally quite a number of young people within the Gu clan who had become adults. However, those who could have their adult ceremony conducted in such a place were in the minority, and these people were undoubtedly the top among the younger generation of the Gu clan. Hence, it was little wonder that some pride filled Ling Quan's face.

A stern-looking Elder from the Gu clan clenched his hand while standing on the square. A ten-foot-large star disk appeared in front of him. Ling Quan quickly stepped forward, and his hand touched the star disk as he shut his eyes.

After Ling Quan shut his eyes. A powerful glow was suddenly emitted from the star disk. Six stars slowly appeared on it.

The Elder from the Gu clan nodded his head when he saw these six stars. After which, he cried out loud, "Ling Quan, Black Submerged Army seventh commander, one star Dou Zun strength, grade six bloodline. After a discussion at the Elders Council, he is bestowed with the gold clan tattoo!

"It will be the gold clan tattoo. He is indeed worthy of being the seventh commander..."

The Gu clan members in the stadium immediately emitted some envious voices when they heard the cry that came from the Elder's mouth.

Joy flashed across Ling Quan's eyes when he heard this. He knelt with one knee on the ground and raised his head. An Elder held a flickering golden pen. His hand danced and formed numerous after-images. A mysterious symbol appeared on Ling Quan's forehead and a golden light shot out, emitting a special energy fluctuation.

"Grade six bloodline? Gold clan tattoo? What are these things?"

Xiao Yan was extremely unfamiliar with these things. He immediately frowned and asked Xun Er.

"The bloodline of the Gu clan is separated into ten different grades. Grade one is the lowest while grade ten is the highest... normally speaking,

only those whose bloodline has reached grade four and above have the qualification to participate in the adult ceremony. It is not bad for Ling Quan to reach the sixth grade..." Xun Er smiled and explained. "As for this gold clan tattoo, it is the evaluation that is given after summarizing all the various conditions. This kind of clan tattoo has been inherited by the Gu clan since the ancient times. During a critical moment, it will enable the bloodline strength within the body of a member of the Gu clan to temporarily soar and enable them to escape danger. This clan tattoo is divided into four levels: silver, gold, purple-gold, rainbow-gold. They are differentiated by colors. This clan tattoo of Ling Quan is the third gold clan tattoo."

"This clan tattoo actually possesses such a mysterious effect?" Surprise flashed across Xiao Yan's eyes as he questioned.

"Aye. It is rumored that the ancestor of the Gu clan, who is that existence who had reached the Dou Di class, created it. After obtaining the clan tattoo, one requires a month in order to unleash its ability." Xun Er smiled as she spoke.

Xiao Yan nodded. He had merely thought that this was a formal ceremony of the Gu clan. It was unexpected that it actually possessed such a benefit. No wonder these fellows viewed the adult ceremony so seriously. It seemed that the reason was because of this clan tattoo.

"In that case, has Xun Er's bloodline reached the tenth grade? Is she able to obtain a rainbow-gold clan tattoo?" Xiao Yan laughed.

"I never took the test after leaving my retreat the last time around. However, the tenth grade bloodline is also called the divine bloodline. It has never appeared within the Gu clan after a thousand years. Xun Er is afraid that she will not be able to reach that stage... as for the rainbow-gold clan tattoo, there is likely only one person within the current clan who has it. It has been shelved high above. It has been a long time since someone has reached the qualifications." Xun Er shook her head as she responded.

"Hee hee, according to the calculations of the Gu clan bloodline, as long

as one is able to reach the grade nine bloodline, one has the potential of advancing to the Dou Sheng class. As for the divine bloodline, perhaps that potential will enable her to reach the peak of the Dou Sheng class... of course, I think that this will also be quite difficult. It has been many years since the divine bloodline has appeared..." Mang Tian Chi in front turned his head and laughed.

Xiao Yan was quietly speechless. The foundation of the Gu clan was indeed frightening...

"Next, Lin Xiu!"

While Xiao Yan and Xun Er were chatting, another cry had once again sounded. Lin Xiu immediately stood up. He bolted down with an excited face. After which, he followed steps that Ling Quan had taken earlier. However, only six stars appeared on the star disk.

"Lin Xiu, second commander of the Black Submerged Army. Five star Dou Zun. Grade six bloodline. Bestow the gold clan tattoo!"

When Xiao Yan saw that this five star Dou Zun, Lin Xiu, was only able to obtain the gold clan tattoo, he sensed that it was difficult to leap over the different clan tattoo levels. One's strength was not the main factor. The most important was the grade of their bloodline...

Although the both of them had obtained gold clan tattoos, the golden color on Lin Xiu's forehead was brighter than Ling Quan's color. Perhaps this slight difference was because of their different strengths.

"Next..."

After Ling Quan and Lin Xiu, members of the younger generation from the Gu clan, who were quite strong, continued appearing one after another. However, there was ultimately no one whose bloodline had exceeded the sixth grade. Xiao Yan began to understand that the bloodline grade within the Gu clan was difficult to strengthen.

"Gu Zhen, first commander of the Black Submerged Army, seven star Dou Zun, grade seven bloodline strength, bestow..."

While Xiao Yan was feeling a little impatient because of the long

process, he suddenly stilled a little because of the voice that was transmitted from the square.

“Gu Zhen?”

Xiao Yan’s heart pounded when he heard this name. He lifted his head, and his eyes looked to the square. He saw that Gu Zhen was kneeling with one knee on the ground. His face was calm as he looked at the three Elders, who were softly discussing something.

Everyone on the square began to look at each other when they saw the three Elders beginning to discuss something. Their eyes gathered on Gu Zhen. It seemed that this fellow was a little different to the others before him.

The three Elders in the square chatted for a moment before they finally stopped. One of the Elders clenched his hand and a purple-gold pen appeared.

“It is actually the purple-gold dragon pen!”

Numerous exclamations immediately rang out within the stadium when they saw the purple-gold pen in the Elder’s hand.

“After the Elder Council’s discussion, Gu Zhen has extraordinary battle credits and a calm character. Hence, he will be bestowed with the purple-gold clan tattoo!”

The stern-looking Elder cried out in a deep voice. The energy in his palm surged and activated the purple-gold pen. He swiftly left behind a purple-gold clan tattoo on Gu Zhen’s forehead. However, this purple-gold color was a little pale, but that did not stop many envious gazes from appearing.

“Based on the bloodline grade, Gu Zhen has yet to reach the level of the purple-gold clan tattoo. However, his reputation in the Black Submerged Army is very great. It can catch up with the four great generals. Hence, the Elder Council has made an exception.” A soft voice sounded beside Xiao Yan’s ear while he was observing Gu Zhen in the square. This voice was Xun Er explaining things to him.

Xiao Yan nodded. He had made contact with Gu Zhen and was naturally

aware that this person was indeed someone with an extremely calm character. If he was able to obtain a high position in the Gu clan in the future, his achievements would definitely be great.

“This Gu clan really has many experts... it is indeed worthy of being an ancient clan that has lasted a countless number of years. It is old but does not decline.”

Even though Gu Zhen had exceeded expectations and obtained the purple-gold clan tattoo, his face did not reveal an overly strong fluctuation. He merely bowed in a respectful manner to the three Elders. After which, he stood up. His body moved, and he returned to his seat in front of numerous envious gazes. His gaze shot to the spot where Xiao Yan was located when he sat down. After which, he nodded.

Xiao Yan also returned a smile in the face of this friendlier action. He was just about to speak when he abruptly sensed that the temperature had suddenly turned icy-cold.

Xiao Yan slowly slid his eyes over because of this change in his surroundings. Finally, they stilled on the icy-cold back in front of him. At this moment, the demon general, who was one of the four great generals of the Gu clan, had quietly stood up in front of everyone present. However, he merely took one step at a time as he walked toward the square.

“Is it his turn...”

Xiao Yan’s eyes narrowed when he sensed the surrounding environment, which had become quiet and icy-cold. He was extremely curious about this strong opponent of his. Just what level had he reached?

Chapter 1331: Challenge

Gu Yao's expression was cold and indifferent as everyone's eyes gathered on him. His footsteps were gentle and slow as he gradually entered the square. After which, he bowed to the three Elders. However, he did not kneel with one knee on the ground like Ling Quan, Gu Zhen, and the rest had done earlier. Instead, his body was straight, appearing like a long sharp spear with chilly air flowing from him.

The three Elders did not reveal any displeasure on their faces with Gu Yao's actions. Although Gu Yao's experience was not as great as them, his reputation within the Gu clan was extremely great. He was also in possession of an extraordinary strength. It was only natural that he did not kneel to them. They exchanged looks with each other and waved their sleeves. That ten-foot-large star disk gently flew in front of Gu Yao. Some light seeped out of it.

"It is your turn, Gu Yao."

Gu Yao nodded with a calm expression when he heard this. After which, he slowly extended his hand in front of the many gazes and gently touched the star disk.

There was a momentary silence after Gu Yao's hand touched the star disk. A moment later, the star disk suddenly shook. Bright powerful light shot out of it. Numerous stars continued to appear on the star disk.

"One, two, three... eight stars!"

The stadium immediately uproared when everyone looked at the eight stars that slowly appeared. Even some Elders nodded their heads in amazement. Clearly, this test had satisfied them.

"He actually possesses a grade eight bloodline... he is indeed worthy of being one of the four great generals."

"When young miss took the test back then, it seems that she was only eight stars, right? It is unexpected that general Gu Yao has actually caught up with young miss..."

“However, that test was a long time ago. Who knows just how much stronger the bloodline of young miss has grown?”

The members of the Gu clan in the stadium were chatting with each other at this moment. Private conversations immediately spread.

“This fellow has indeed reached the eighth grade of the bloodline strength...” Xun Er looked at that figure in the square and softly sighed.

Xiao Yan’s expression did not change. His heart was a little shaken though. Compared to Gu Yao, Ling Quan, and Lin Xiu, the so-called young geniuses of the Gu clan were nothing. The reputation of this demon general was not just an empty name.

The three Elders present were also a little absent-minded because of the eight stars. A moment later, they recovered. Their stern faces also revealed rare smiles.

“Gu Yao, one of the four great Generals of Black Submerged Army, eight star Dou Zun. Grade eight bloodline. Bestow a purple-gold clan tattoo!”

The cry had just sounded when the purple-gold dragon pen in the hand of the Elder erupted in an extremely bright intense glow. Rich energy gathered at the tip of the pen. After which, his hand danced. A mysterious clan tattoo swiftly appeared on Gu Yao’s forehead.

“Hu!”

Drawing this purple-gold clan tattoo seemed to exhaust one’s Dou Qi. Hence, some perspiration appeared on the forehead of this Elder after the last line was drawn. He exhaled a long breath of air, stopped his hand, and placed the pen down. The bright light on the tip of the pen finally began to slowly weaken.

After the Gu clan’s Elder’s hand left, a life-like purple-gold clan tattoo appeared on Gu Yao’s forehead. The shade of this purple-gold clan tattoo was clearly many times deeper than the purple-gold clan tattoo on Gu Zhen earlier!

This clan tattoo was something that Gu Yao had relied on his strength to obtain. It wasn’t something that Gu Zhen, who required an exception to

obtain the purple-gold clan tattoo, could compare with.

“The clan tattoo has been formed. Gu Yao, please leave. Next...” That Elder smiled when the clan tattoo was created. After which, he waved his hand and spoke.

“Wait.”

The words of this Elder had yet to appear when the indifferent-looking Gu Yao suddenly cried out.

“Huh?” The three Elders were startled when they heard his cry. They immediately frowned and asked, “What is it?”

“Do I possess the qualification to challenge anyone during the adult ceremony?” Gu Yao spoke in a faint dark voice in front of the eyes of many people.

Xiao Yan, who was seated, immediately clenched his hand when these words entered his ear. Whatever might come would ultimately come.

The faces of quite a number of people in the stadium changed a little when they heard Gu Yao’s words, especially for Ling Quan, Lin Xiu and the rest. Their gloating eyes landed on Xiao Yan almost instantly. Clearly, they had already expected this.

The three Elders hesitated for a moment before nodding. They said, “According to the rules, you can chose to challenge any member of the clan during the adult ceremony. However, if the other party is not a member of the clan, the agreement of the other party is needed before you can spar.”

Gu Yao slowly nodded. After which, he turned around. His black and white hair was exceptionally glaring. At this moment, his bone-chilling eyes locked onto a skinny young man a short distance away. He indifferently said, “You should be aware that I am targeting you. If you wish to laugh at the Gu clan, then you should take out your genuine strength. Otherwise, the eyes that people will use to look at you will ultimately contain ridicule and pity...”

“The current me is able to give you this opportunity. You can challenge

me. Of course whether you have enough courage is your problem. However, I hope that you will leave the Gu Realm by yourself if you reject me...”

The rules of the adult ceremony allowed Gu Yao to challenge anyone. However, the way he put it was like he was attempting to get Xiao Yan to issue the challenge to him.

A challenge was usually issued by someone below to someone above. Clearly, Gu Yao thought that the one who should issue the challenge was not him but Xiao Yan.

Swoosh!

Gu Yao's words had just sounded when the gazes of everyone present emitted a 'swoosh' sound. Their gazes all paused on the skinny figure. The eyes of quite a number of people contained a gloating expression.

“Is he the disciple of the abandoned fellow from my Yao clan? Looks like he is really unlikable. However, Gu Yao has acted really quickly. Originally, I was thinking of sparing with this brat to let him to know that the so-called Pill Gathering champion is merely a game for children. It is not worth even the slightest honor...” A couple of figures were leaning lazily in a tall spot of the stadium. Among them, a man with a medicinal cauldron drawing on his forehead was looking at the skinny figure in the distance as he laughed.

“Relax, as long as he is able to survive Gu Yao's assault, you will still have a chance. What skill do these alchemists from outside have...” A scantily clad demonic lady with a sexy figure curled her mouth and spoke. From the special symbol between her brows, she was also a member of the so-called Yao clan.

“Ha ha, this seems quite difficult. There are very few people who can remain alive in the hands of Gu Yao.”

“Chi, this fellow dares to snatch my target... hopefully that brat will be able to endure a little longer. Otherwise, it will really be boring.” A figure in one corner, who was wrapped in a black robe, raised his head and revealed an exceptionally pale young face. He was surprisingly the

member of the Hun clan who Xiao Yan had come into contact with back then, Hun Ya!

“As expected... there is really someone who cannot control himself and wishes to attack.” Huo Xuan looked at the figure a short distance away from within the special area. He sighed softly as he spoke.

“Moreover, the one who is attacking is Gu Yao... it looks like Xiao Yan will face a terrible fate.” The red-clothed young lady with a veil over her face softly spoke.

“This fellow doesn’t know how to come to the Gu clan after he is a little stronger. A five star Dou Zun might be a genius that is difficult to find in the Central Plains, but a genius of this level is commonplace in the Gu clan...” The man with a gentle appearance nodded as he spoke

“Hopefully he will be able to keep his life...”

“Gu Yao! He is a guest. This request is too overboard!”

Xun Er clenched her hand. At this moment, she involuntarily stood up. Her brows were knit as she cried out in a deep voice.

“The rules are like this... it is precisely because he is a guest that I have given him the qualification to challenge me. He can reject this qualification!” Gu Yao’s eyes stared at Xiao Yan as he slowly said. “As long as he says no, this challenge can be skipped!”

Xun Er’s face was ice-cold. How could she not understand that if Xiao Yan were to reject his challenge, he would be immediately be cast aside by the Gu clan which valued warriors. Avoiding a battle was an extremely humiliating action when viewed by the Gu clan.

“Young miss, there is nothing wrong with the way Gu Yao has acted. Everything is determined by whether the person involved is willing.” The white-haired Elder Gu Shan spoke faintly at this moment.

Xun Er clenched her hand. She was reprimanding herself within her heart. If she had been aware that Xiao Yan would suffer so many obstructions when he came to the Gu clan, she would not have agreed with Xiao Yan’s request to come to the Gu clan!

The smile on Mang Tian Chi's face was withdrawn because of this strange atmosphere. He rotated the ring on his finger and turned his head to look at the young man, who had remained quiet. He was unable to provide much help when it came to such a matter. Moreover, he also wanted to see if this person, whom Su Qian had praised as the most outstanding student, would be able to deal with this situation where he could neither advance nor withdraw.

"Xiao Yan, I have already said what I have to say. No one can take your place today. Give me an answer! Tell me whether you are going to fight or withdraw!" Gu Yao stared at Xiao Yan. His indifferent voice resounded over this entire stadium.

"Hu..."

Xiao Yan, who had shut his eyes in front of the countless number of eyes, slowly opened them. After which, he slowly stood up. He smiled and softly said, "Since general Gu Yao is being this aggressive, then... Xiao Yan shall represent the Xiao clan and accept this match!"

Ever since Xiao Yan had entered the Gu Realm, he was aware that this match was unavoidable. Since it was unavoidable, all he could do was fight.

Advance and fight or withdraw and seek humiliation!

The current Xiao Yan could fight but not be humiliated.

Even if his opponent was this ultimate genius of the Gu clan!

Chapter 1332: Strong Opponent!

“Xiao Yan...”

The Little Fairy Doctor knit her brows. She could sense just how frightening Gu Yao was. Although she was confident in Xiao Yan, she also understood that this Gu Yao was definitely a strong opponent.

“There are some things that cannot be avoided...” Xiao Yan smiled at her. After which, he turned his head to look at the ice-cold face of Xun Er beside him, who was biting her lower red lip with the back of her teeth. He smiled and said, “It’s fine... even if he did not take the initiative to stir this fight, I would have stepped forward and revealed my strength to the Gu clan. Only then will I be able to block the mouths of some people.”

Xun Er nodded a little. However, her eyes became colder as she glared at Gu Yao. Xiao Yan had endured much ridicule within the Gu clan during these few days because of her. Today, he was forced to step forward and spar with another. Even with her character, all of this caused her to involuntarily feel a fury within her heart.

“Hee hee, little fellow is really quite brave. Try to be careful. The old me will intervene to help you if a poor situation occurs...” Mang Tian Chi fondled his beard and laughed, “Since you are a student of my Jian Nan Academy, you are partially a disciple of the old me. I will definitely not watch you die in this Gu Realm.”

From the looks of Mang Tian Chi’s appearance, it appeared that he was quite pleased that Xiao Yan could receive Gu Yao’s challenge. It was not frightening for one to be weaker. What was frightening was that one did not possess the courage to fight with another. Without this courage, how would one be able to overcome the many obstructions during one’s Dou Qi training?

“Ha ha, I will thank headmaster then.”

Xiao Yan smiled. After which, he ceased uttering any unnecessary words. His toes pressed on the ground, and his body rushed into the spacious square in front of a countless number of eyes. After which, he stood across

from Gu Yao.

The icy-cold face of Gu Yao lifted into a vague arc when he looked at Xiao Yan standing a short distance away from him. He said, "Regardless of your strength, your acceptance has already exceeded my expectations."

Xiao Yan glanced at this ultimate renowned genius from the Gu clan. His glaring black-white hair caused him to appear somewhat strange for no reason. His body continued to release an icy aura that was like ten-thousand-year-old mysterious ice. This person appeared to have been cast from cold ice. A cold aura was emitted from deep within one's heart by just looking at him.

"You should be aware of the reason I have targeted you..."

Xiao Yan's brows twitched. He looked at Gu Yao and slowly replied, "I am aware. However, it is useless!"

Gu Yao nodded. He was not surprised by this reply as he softly said, "In that case, I can... only kill you..."

The entire place suddenly turned icy-cold after Gu Yao's last word sounded. His black and white hair suddenly began to dance. Gu Yao's body also disappeared like a ghost in an instant.

Xiao Yan's face was completely replaced by a solemnness the moment Gu Yao disappeared. His opponent this time around was even stronger than the ninth Tianzun of the Hall of Souls. If he underestimated his opponent even a little, he would end up with a miserable ending. Xiao Yan's heart was clearly aware that no one within the Gu clan would support Xun Er and him if he was defeated by Gu Yao today. Hence, he could not lose this fight!

"I have walked from the Jia Ma Empire. During these ten years, I have roamed the continent and met a countless number of enemies. I have lingered at death's gate a countless number of times. The effort I have put in is many times greater than a genius like you. I do not care about the Dou Di bloodline. However, you have to be prepared to pay a bloody price if you wish to kill me!"

Xiao Yan suddenly clenched his hand. The Dou Qi within his body surged out without holding back. The bones all over his body emitted a wave of crackling sounds as the Dou Qi surged. His vast and mighty Dou Qi was accompanied by a hot wind, causing the icy-cold temperature in the sky to swiftly rise. At the same time, a cold cry that was filled with an endless perseverance erupted from Xiao Yan's mouth.

The roaming of these years had caused Xiao Yan's character to remain as calm as a rock. He would be able to adjust to the most perfect state regardless of what challenge he faced. This was a talent that the many years of roaming had blessed him with!

“Bang!”

A vast and mighty Dou Qi swiftly agglomerated in Xiao Yan's right fist as his cry sounded. After which, his hand shook strangely. An unusually powerful force suddenly smashed toward the space in front of him without any fancy maneuvers.

His right hand violently punched toward the empty space. Just when it was about to strike, a long hand was suddenly extended from the empty space. After which, it was accompanied by a sharp blade force that slammed into Xiao Yan's right fist in a lightning-like fashion.

A frightening energy ripple immediately surged when the two made contact. Numerous crack lines swiftly spread from point of contact. Powerful forces swept apart and shattered some stone fragments in the square to dust.

The eyes of those three Gu clan elders present flickered when they saw such an intense exchange. Their bodies moved, and they rushed high into the sky. Their hands formed some seals before using their Dou Qi to isolate this square.

“Hmph!”

A muffled snort was emitted from Xiao Yan's mouth as he stood in the square. His toes pressed on the ground and his body swiftly pulled back. He glanced at his right fist. At this moment, five claw scars had appeared on it. Fresh blood was seeping out of it, dyeing his hand a bloody mess in

the blink of an eye.

Clearly, Xiao Yan had suffered a small loss during this exchange. With his five star Dou Zun strength, he was unable to reach to contend with the eight star Gu Yao head-on.

“Open Mountain Seal!”

Gu Yao coldly laughed. The seal formed by his hands changed and a fierce handprint erupted toward Xiao Yan.

The silver glow under Xiao Yan’s feet flickered when faced with Gu Yao’s sharp attack. His body avoided the attack.

“Open Mountain Seal, Sea Flipping Seal!”

Gu Yao’s cold laugh became even more intense after his palm missed. The seal on his hand danced, forming many after-images. Numerous powerful hand seals continued to fly out and smashed toward Xiao Yan from all directions. The God Seal Skill had been practiced by Gu Yao until it reached a peak. Adding his incomparably powerful Dou Qi, he was able to use it with ease. He did not experience the slightest difficulty.

“Skyfire Three Mysterious Change! First Change! Second Change! Third Change!”

Xiao Yan’s expression became grave as he faced the energy palm imprint that rushed over from all directions. The Skyfire Three Mysterious Change was unleashed to its limits with just a thought. The Dou Qi within his body soared at this moment!

“Six Joint Body Flowing Ruler!”

Xiao Yan clenched his hand. The dark-black Heavy Xuan Ruler flashed and appeared. Dense ruler images appeared one after another. Within a short instant, the area a hundred feet around Xiao Yan had been filled by ruler images.

“Bang bang bang!”

The many energy palm imprints violently struck the heavy ruler’s defenses. It appeared to have triggered a continuous chain of explosions.

Powerful energy ripples spread apart like floodwater. They shook the square until it began tremble.

Everyone around the stadium was watching the extremely intense battle that had erupted in an instant. An excitement vaguely rose within their eyes. Many people wanted to know just what kind of ending would face Xiao Yan, who was considered the top among the younger generation within the Central Plains, since he had met this genius from the Gu clan.

“Bang!”

Unusually loud explosions resounded within the battleground. A figure flew back through the air. After which, he staggered back two steps before landing on the ground.

“Flame Splitting Tsunami!”

Xiao Yan stabilized his body. His expression still remained solemn. The heavy ruler in his hand was suddenly hacked down. A thousand-foot-large fire pillar suddenly shot from the tip of the ruler. Finally, it rushed toward Gu Yao in the distance in a lightning-like fashion.

“A petty skill. What use is a Dou Skill of such strength?”

Gu Yao merely laughed when faced with the fire pillar’s great momentum. He clenched his hand and a dense white ice erupted from his body. His hand was completely covered by the mysterious ice a moment later.

“Shatter!”

His mysterious ice hand suddenly struck forward. It violently smashed into the fire pillar in front of many eyes. The powerful force shattered it..

“This is yours...”

Gu Yao had just cried out coldly after having shattered the fire pillar with a punch when his eyes suddenly became cold. He saw a rapidly rotating three-colored fire lotus within the fire glow. This lotus continued to shoot toward him. He could sense a slight aura of destruction within it.

“Explode!”

Xiao Yan's face was ice-cold. His hand seal changed and a sharp cry sounded. That three-colored fire lotus swelled with a speed that could not be clearly seen by the naked eye. An instant later, a frightening fire storm swept across the sky!

“Bang!”

A thousand-foot-large explosion instantly appeared in the square in front of the many eyes when the fire storm swept apart. Even the Dou Qi barrier surrounding the square was shaken until it fluctuated.

“What a powerful Dou Skill... this little fellow is really cunning. He actually hid such a powerful thing under the fire glow, causing Gu Yao to underestimate it. He managed to catch him off-guard.”

Quite a number of experts nodded quietly as they watched the fire storm spreading over the square. The battle experience that had been honed through fighting a countless number of experts had indeed given Xiao Yan a chance...

Xiao Yan watched the fire storm spread in the square. The seriousness on his face was not reduced. A three-colored fire lotus might be strong, but if Gu Yao could be finished off this easily, he wouldn't be qualified to be one of the four great generals of the Gu clan.

“Bang!”

This thought had just appeared in Xiao Yan's heart when the fire storm suddenly trembled. A wave of extremely cold aura slowly spread. At the same time, a monstrous Dou Qi surged in all directions like the ocean. They roared over in a turbulent fashion.

“You have experienced many difficulties, but so what? I possess the bloodline of a Dou Di and practice the true teachings of the Gu clan. My level far surpasses you. Just what qualification do you, as a descendant of the declined Xiao clan, have to fight me?”

A bone-chilling cry suddenly exploded while the monstrous Dou Qi was roaring across the sky. This caused Xiao Yan's expression to slowly turn gloomy.

Chapter 1333: Peak Level Fight

“Bang!”

After that cold cry sounded, the firestorm that was sweeping across the sky suddenly stilled. A loud ‘bang’ sounded, and it was blasted into many pieces. Fire waves rolled and swept across the sky. They smashed into the Dou Qi barrier around him, causing the light barriers to become shaky.

The spreading fire wave scattered when it was around a hundred feet from Xiao Yan’s body. He stared at the spot where the firestorm had exploded. A figure covered by an icy-cold Dou Qi was stepping through the empty air, slowly walking over. He appeared in front of everyone’s sight.

Gu Yao, who had revealed his body at this moment, was covered by a layer of thick mysterious ice. Light flowed over the ice. He had relied on this mysterious ice armor to block the force from the firestorm.

Gu Yao stepped through the empty air. His hand was holding a long crystal spear. The long spear appeared to have been formed from some mysterious ice. A cold light flowed over it, and it emitted a sharp wind that seemed to enter one’s body. Clearly, it was made from a strange metal.

“Today, I will show you the peak of the younger generation! With your strength, you are still not qualified to reach this stage!”

“Ten Thousand Beast Spear Technique!”

Gu Yao’s expression was ice-cold. A cold glint surged within his eyes as his feet suddenly stomped on empty space. His body appeared to have teleported as he appeared above Xiao Yan’s head. The ice crystal spear in his hand immediately danced. The spear figure vaguely contained many wild beast roars. A wave of sharp desire to kill transformed into a sharp wind as it rushed toward Xiao Yan’s fatal spots from all directions.

“What a sharp murderous intent!”

Xiao Yan’s eyes became stern when he sensed the extremely sharp beast roar. Majestic Dou Qi surged of his body. The heavy ruler in his hand

danced and forcefully received the wind. However, each time the spear and ruler collided, the ground where Xiao Yan stood cracked and numerous half-a-meter-deep scars formed. Even his feet gradually left two deep footprints in the ground. From this, one could tell just how powerful Gu Yao was.

“Ten Thousand Beast Spear Technique, Beast King Roar!”

Gu Yao’s face remained icy-cold when faced with Xiao Yan’s impregnable defense. An instant later, the spear technique in his hand suddenly changed. A countless number of spear figures gathered together at a lightning-like speed. Majestic Dou Qi surged out of the ice crystal spear like floodwater. Within the blink of an eye, it had agglomerated into a fierce beast figure. After which, the long spear rushed out. It drew an extremely tricky arc that violently pierced toward Xiao Yan’s throat in a lightning-like fashion.

A solemn expression flashed across Xiao Yan’s eyes as he sensed the tricky angle of the attack by the illusory beast figure. A vast and mighty Spiritual Strength surged from between his brows. In an instant, it had already seen through the true killing blow hidden within the illusory figure of the fierce beast. The heavy ruler in his hand swiftly hacked and formed a strange orbit in front of him.

“Clang!”

This strike completely hacked against empty space. When quite a number of people thought that Xiao Yan had struck wrongly, the empty space suddenly shook. An extremely slight spear figure rushed out and coincidentally collided with the heavy ruler. Sparks flew.

“Hmph!”

Surprise flashed across Gu Yao’s eyes when the a hidden attack was sensed. He immediately let out a cold snort. His hand ruthlessly slammed against the long spear. The long icy spear was like a gyro as it suddenly rotated at great speed. After-images appeared as a whizzing wind was emitted.

“Release it!”

The rapidly rotating spear figure collided with the heavy ruler, but the spear's body twisted in a strange fashion. The tip of the spear was once again lifted. A frightening force shot out and sent the heavy ruler flying from Xiao Yan's hand.

“Die!”

The heavy ruler flew and Gu Yao's body suddenly charged forward. His foot pressed on the long spear as his body pounded toward Xiao Yan in an eagle-like fashion. A sharp claw wind violently grabbed at Xiao Yan's chest.

However, Xiao Yan did not withdraw when faced with Gu Yao's close ranged attack. He allowed Gu Yao to rush over. After which, a sharp claw wind landed on his chest.

“Rip!”

The sharp wind instantly tore Xiao Yan's upper garments into pieces the moment it came into contact.

“Clang clang clang!”

Xiao Yan's clothes were in tatters. Numerous winds violently shot into Xiao Yan's naked body. After which, many loud and clear metallic sound caused everyone to be stunned. Only some people with exceptional eyesight could see that Xiao Yan's body had been covered in purple-golden scales. Gu Yao's attack was completely blocked by this scale armor.

“This is... the Ancient Void Dragon tribe's Dragon Purple Cloth?”

The stadium did not lack some people with great experience. Hence, they identified the origin of Xiao Yan's scale armor with a glance. Quite a number of people exclaimed their understanding. They had not expected the defensive method of the Ancient Void Dragon to appear on Xiao Yan.

“However, even if it is the dragon scale cloth, it should not be able to forcefully resist the attack of an eight star Dou Zun, right?”

There was some doubt along with this comprehension. After all, the dragon scale cloth might be strong, but it did not appear to reach the level

of being able to ignore the attacks of an eight star Dou Zun. Immediately, quite a number of people were at a loss. They naturally did not think that Xiao Yan's dragon scale cloth was the Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor with the strongest defensive strength of the Ancient Void Dragon armors!

By relying on the defenses of the Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armour, Xiao Yan forcefully received Gu Yao's attack. However, the force that seeped into his body still caused his blood to churn. The attack of an eight star Dou Zun was not something that he was immune to despite the miraculous effects of the Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor.

A muffled snort was emitted from Xiao Yan's throat. He looked at Gu Yao in the air, who had become exhausted because of the attack from earlier. His foot suddenly stomped violently on the ground.

"Earth Resolve Flame!"

After a cold cry was emitted from Xiao Yan's mouth, the ground under Gu Yao suddenly protruded. Soon after, a hundred-foot-large lava spear erupted from the ground like a volcano. It smashed into Gu Yao's body in a lightning-like fashion.

"Bang!"

Such a powerful attack sent Gu Yao's body flying into the sky. However, the current Xiao Yan stomped his foot down. Following his stomping, the square turned into a place where volcanos gathered. Numerous hot lava pillars shot out like dazzling fireworks in front of many stunned eyes. They violently collided with Gu Yao in the air.

"What exquisite control... transmitting the Heavenly Flame underground. Xiao Yan used a special method to suppress it and quietly unleash it under his feet... although the strength Xiao Yan is inferior to Gu Yao, his battle experience is extremely rich. If Gu Yao was the same level as him, it would not be easy to tell just who would end up defeated..."

Upon seeing the fire pillars that were erupting beneath the ground, even some of the members from the Gu clan outside the battleground revealed stunned expression on their faces. It was the first time that they has seen Gu Yao be forced to such a state by someone from outside the clan. This

person from the Xiao clan did really possess some skill.

The lava force that came one after another caused Gu Yao in the sky to appear somewhat miserable. He was not afraid of the lava, but this lava contained an extremely obscure hot and cold strength. The force continuously invaded his body once it came into contact with him, causing him to be quite irritated. Moreover, he had not expected to not be able to quickly finish off Xiao Yan. Instead, he had ended up descending into a stalemate.

“Bastard things. Get lost!”

Gu Yao was finally unable to endure the waves heading his way. He let out a cold cry as his hands suddenly pressed beneath him. After his hands pressed down, a large cold force suddenly appeared. It smashed down with a mountain-like pressure and might. The lava pillars blasted apart when they collided with this enormous icy-cold force.

A silver glow flashed under Xiao Yan’s feet when he saw the icy-cold force sweeping over like a great wave. He appeared in the sky with a flash and the Flame Mantra within his body began to circulate. The energy around him whistled at this moment. The energy around him turned into numerous substance-like streams that surged into his body.

“It is actually a Tian class Qi Method!”

The eyes of quite a number of people shrank when they saw Xiao Yan’s overbearing manner of absorbing energy.

“Do you really think that you are the only one who possesses a Tian class Qi Method?”

“Ancient Sacred Treasure Mirror, Swallowing Sky Absorbing Land!”

Gu Yao coldly laughed when he saw Xiao Yan absorbing energy to replenish his exhaustion. The seal formed by his hands changed. A dark cloud suddenly appeared and covered the sky. The dark cloud churned and emitted a powerful absorption that forcefully absorbed natural energy. Finally, it gathered into a light pillar that poured into Gu Yao’s body. Following the pouring in of this energy, the Dou Qi within Gu Yao’s body

became more mighty...

“He has forced Gu Yao to use the Ancient Sacred Treasure Mirror...” Lin Xiu and the rest outside the battle were surprised when they saw the dark cloud that covered the sky. Their eyes contained some disbelief. They thought that this exchange would lead to a one-sided victory. However, they did not expect Gu Yao to not be able to smoothly finish Xiao Yan off.

“Xiao Yan, I will allow you to witness a true Gu clan Tian class Dou Skill!”

Gu Yao’s body was suspended high in the air as dark clouds covered the entire sky. He looked down at Xiao Yan. His cold cry resonated around the arena.

Xiao Yan’s expression sunk when he heard Gu Yao’s cold cry. He inhaled a deep breath of air. His hand seal changed. Monstrous Heavenly Flames surged out of his body in all directions. The four types of Heavenly Flames were separated before rapidly agglomerating again. They vaguely appeared like various beasts.

“Five Ring Flame Expelling Technique...”

Tian Huo zun-zhe, who was seated, felt his heart jump when he saw this scene. A fiery heat immediately appeared within his eyes. This Dou Skill was something that he had obtained by chance. Hence, even at his peak, he had not truly unleashed the might of the Five Ring Flame Expelling Technique because the four Heavenly Flame requirement was too harsh. However... the current Xiao Yan had satisfied this harsh requirement!

A great Heavenly Flame formation that was comparable to a Tian class Dou Skill unleashed the glory that belonged to it today!

Chapter 1334: Great Silent Destruction

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Four types of Heavenly Flames were suspended in the sky. Their frightening temperatures caused the air to become dry. Fortunately, everyone here was quite strong. Hence, perspiration did not fill their faces. Even though this was the case, the eyes of quite a number of people revealed a shock. A Heavenly Flame was an extremely rare object. It was unexpected that Xiao Yan possessed four of them at this moment. This number was quite terrifying.

“Falling Heart Flame?”

Mang Tian Chi looked at the cluster of invisible flames that was rotating around Xiao Yan. He was startled before crying out in a stunned voice.

This Falling Heart Flame was something that Mang Tian Chi had placed a seal on back then. Hence, he was naturally very familiar with it. He did not expect this Heavenly Flame, which had been sealed at the bottom of the Blazing Sky Qi Refining Tower in the Inner Academy, to land in Xiao Yan’s hands.

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“Four types of Heavenly Flames... how is this possible? How can four types of Heavenly Flames exist in a person’s body? Isn’t he afraid that these Heavenly Flames will come in conflict and end up exploding?”

The member of the Yan clan with the gentle face was staring at the four types of Heavenly Flames in the sky in a stunned manner as he muttered to himself.

“Green Lotus Core Flame, Falling Heart Flame, Bone Chilling Flame, Three Thousand Burning Flame...” Huo Xuan’s eyes also stilled on the sky. A moment later, he inhaled a deep breath of air. His eyes still displayed his shock. As a member of the Yan clan, they were extremely sensitive to flames, especially Heavenly Flames. Their Yan clan had gained four types of Heavenly Flames after many years, yet Xiao Yan controlled this number

of Heavenly Flames alone. Their hearts were naturally a little shaken.

“His Qi Method possesses the miraculous effect of merging Heavenly Flames. The flame that he had displayed in the past had been formed from the merger of four Heavenly Flames... this kind of miraculous effect is something that even our clan Qi Method “Fire Emperor Mysterious Scripture” does not possess...” The red-dressed lady with a veil over her face bunched up her brows as she softly spoke.

“This person is indeed not as simple as he appears on the surface...”

“A strange Qi Method, a number of Heavenly Flames... this Xiao Yan really surprises others...”

On the other side of the square, the man with a medicinal cauldron drawing on his forehead was using fiery hot eyes to stare at Xiao Yan in the sky. His eyes contained a greediness in them. A Heavenly Flame contained an incomparable allure to an Alchemist. Even with his status in the Yao clan, he needed to put in great effort to obtain a Heavenly Flame as an inheritance. It was unexpected that the disciple of someone abandoned by the Yao clan possessed four types of Heavenly Flames!

Even if all the Heavenly Flames within the Yao clan were added up, they would not even be able to match such a number of Heavenly Flames.

“He is able to keep four types of Heavenly Flames within his body without suffering a backlash. He must possess something to suppress them. If I have guessed correctly, it is the Qi Method he practices... if I have the opportunity, I will capture this fellow and force him to hand over his Qi Method and his Heavenly Flames... if I am able to obtain this Qi Method and his four Heavenly Flames, hee hee, it will be my turn to take the clan head of the Yao clan in the future...” The man’s eyes flashed. His eyes became boiling hot as they looked at Xiao Yan.

Due to the appearance of four types of Heavenly Flames, the gazes of everyone here gathered on Xiao Yan. Various thoughts flashed across the minds of everyone present. There were those who were envious, those who were jealous, and naturally those who were greedy...

“It is unexpected that you possess four types of Heavenly Flames.

However, if this is your support, it is perhaps time to end things here!”

Gu Yao’s eyes swept over the four types of Heavenly Flames. A faint surprise flashed through his eyes as he let out a cold laugh. Both of his hands moved and numerous after images appeared. Following the forming these hand seals, a wild wind that was whistling through the sky suddenly came to a halt at this moment. Even the dark clouds lingering in the sky ceased moving. A monstrous destructive aura slowly spread from Gu Yao’s body...

Most of the people around the stadium revealed different looks when they sensed the aura of complete destruction that was spreading from Gu Yao’s body. Under the cover of this kind of destructive aura, a dispirited feeling began to vaguely appear in their hearts...

“Has he actually been forced to this extent... it is already quite good for Xiao Yan to reach this stage.”

The three Gu clan Elders conducting the ceremony in the sky revealed grave expressions. The three of them looked at each other and nodded. They cried out in unison and the Dou Qi within their bodies surged out without holding back. They poured their Dou Qi into the Dou Qi light barrier that covered the entire square, causing it to become thicker...

“This is... Great Silent Destruction Skill!”

Xun Er gently inhaled a breath of air. A grave expression flashed across her eyes. It was unexpected Gu Yao was forced to use such a Dou Skill in order to obtain victory. Xun Er could not be more familiar with this so-called Great Silent Destruction Skill because she had once practiced this Dou Skill. That frightening strength of annihilating all life was still deeply ingrained in her memory even now.

“Xiao Yan can be considered to have won by having forced Gu Yao to use a Tian class Dou Skill. Even if he pulls back at this moment, there is no reason for the people in the Gu clan to say anything more...” The smile on Mang Tian Chi’s face was withdrawn as he spoke in a deep voice.

“It is useless, Xiao Yan will not withdraw...” The Little Fairy Doctor replied. Her eyes were focused on the figure in the sky as she said, “He will

definitely not take even half a step back even if he has to fight until both of them end up with serious injuries...”

“Rather break than bend... this little fellow is really ruthless. Relax, I will intervene if it really comes to a critical moment...” Mang Tian Chi nodded. A pleased expression appeared in his eyes. Whether it was in terms of strength or character, Xiao Yan was extremely likable from his point of view. What Su Qian had said was indeed true.

“Tian class Dou Skill, huh...”

Xiao Yan studied Gu Yao. Gu Yao had shut his eyes and allowed even his own life to quietly diminish. His face became more and more grave. The Gu clan was an ultimate faction within the Central Plains. After a countless number of years of inheritance, Tian class Dou Skills, which were extremely difficult to find in the outside world, definitely existed in their clan. Moreover, their strengths were likely quite great. If Xiao Yan was even a little careless, he might end up dying. Hence, he needed to put in all his effort.

Xiao Yan inhaled a deep breath of air. He beckoned with his hand and a bright red bead appeared in it. This cluster of hot flames erupted when the light from the sky scattered down. This flame was naturally the “Sun Flame” that Xiao Yan had obtained from the Ye clan back then. It would need to make up for the last type of flame at this moment.

“Five Ring Flame Expelling Technique!”

Following the appearance of the last type of flame, a furious cry was suddenly emitted from Xiao Yan’s heart. The seal formed by his hands changed, and the five types of flames suspended in front of him hurriedly began to move.

“Wolf Spirit, form!”

Within a short moment, a sharp cry was emitted from Xiao Yan’s throat. The wolf-like fire spirit formed by the Sun Flame swiftly appeared in the sky.

“Leopard Spirit, form!”

“Lion Spirit, form!”

“Tiger Spirit, form!”

Xiao Yan formed four types of fire spirit in one go. He also felt the Dou Qi within his body rapidly being depleted. His hand seal changed once again cried out loud, “Dragon spirit, form!”

After Xiao Yan’s cry sounded, the final Three Thousand Burning Flame began to rapidly wiggle. An instant later, a mountain-sized dragon fire spirit appeared in the sky.

“Five Ring Flame Expelling Formation!”

The five spirits complemented each other. A frightening temperature spread across the sky. The dark-black clouds in the distant sky were vaporized until they were a little thin and illusory. The trees that were close to the stadium withered at a pace visible to the naked eye. Finally, they emitted a ‘bang’ and burst into a cluster of ashes...

The five enormous fire spirits formed a strange formation in the sky while Xiao Yan stood in the middle of it.

“Hu...”

Xiao Yan inhaled a deep breath of air after sensing his rapidly diminishing Dou Qi. His eyes immediately looked at Gu Yao in the distant sky. At this moment, Gu Yao’s eyes were still tightly shut while allowing the destruction aura to spread from his body and become denser.

“Five Ring Flame Expelling Coil!”

Xiao Yan was not a pedantic who needed to wait until his opponent had gathered his strength before attacking. His hand seal changed and a stern cry was emitted from his mouth.

After his cry sounded, the five enormous fire spirits around him began to roar to the sky. They began to rotate at a rapid speed. Under this frightening rotation, the space where Xiao Yan was standing crumbled. Numerous enormous dark black lines appeared in the sky like ferocious large mouths.

“Bang bang!”

With the increasing speed of the rotating fire spirits, the area around Xiao Yan eventually turned into a two-thousand-foot-large five-colored fire coil. The fire coil was suspended above Xiao Yan’s head as it rapidly rotated. Waves of explosive sounds were emitted from it. The frightening energy that spread from it caused even the Elders from the Gu clan, like Gu Qian and Gu Xu, to display a different expression.

Tian Huo zun-zhe watched the enormous five-colored fire coil that covered half the sky. The fiery heat within his eyes became increasingly hot. Was this the true strength of the Five Ring Flame Expelling Technique? Such a level could indeed be comparable to the so called Tian class Dou Skill!

“Gu Yao, try and receive this technique of mine!”

Xiao Yan in the sky, raised his right hand up high in front of a countless number of eyes, reaching toward the enormous five-colored fire coil that was above him. A loud cry suddenly sounded. He abruptly swung his hand and the incomparably large five-colored fire coil was accompanied by a rumbling-thunder-like sound as it flew through the sky like a meteorite. It shot toward Gu Yao in front of a countless number of shocked eyes.

“A firefly dares to compete with the bright moon’s light!”

The five-colored fire coil crossed the sky and arrived. At the same time, Gu Yao’s tightly shut eyes were suddenly opened. A cold laugh sounded. He slowly extended a finger and gently pressed down on the empty air!

“Great Silent Destruction Finger!”

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After Gu Yao pressed on empty space in front of him, the entire sky appeared to have stilled. A destructive aura, which seemed to have been emitted from hell, swept out like a hurricane from where Gu Yao's finger landed.

“Bang bang bang!”

The place stilled before it was suddenly broken. Those thick dark clouds in the distant sky began to rapidly shake at this moment. There seemed to be a frightening thing vaguely present that was about to break through the clouds.

“The Heavenly Flames might be strong, but this Tian class Dou Skill of my Gu clan is even stronger than them!”

Gu Yao held his head high as he stood between the sky and the earth. His eyes were ice-cold as he watched the enormous fire coil that flew through the air. It was accompanied by waves of explosive sounds. He lifted his hand high above, aimed it at the thick dark clouds in the sky, and then clenched it.

“Bang!”

The spreading dark clouds suddenly paused when Gu Yao clenched his fist. The dark clouds swiftly split apart in front of numerous shocked eyes. A thousand-foot-large black finger broke away from the clouds. After which, it swiftly fell from the sky. The finger pressed on the enormous five-colored fire coil!

This dark-black finger's frightening annihilation aura spread over. It was as though all life would be turned into dust under this finger. The finger fell from the sky. Any empty space where it passed collapsed. A ten-thousand-foot-large spatial crack formed.

“What a terrifying finger!”

Some experts, with great strength, sitting in the surrounding stadium revealed pale expressions at this moment. Just the aura that seeped from

the finger was quite frightening. It was difficult to imagine how they would behave if they were targeted by this finger. Their bodies would have blasted into clusters of blood fog before the dark-black finger could even land.

“No life will exist when faced with the silent destruction finger. Xiao Yan, just watch as I break your great Heavenly Flame formation!”

Gu Yao involuntarily laughed at this moment. His face was a little pale, but it was filled with indifference. Since Xiao Yan had forced Gu Yao to use such a move, he had undoubtedly given the extremely proud Gu Yao a tight slap. Fortunately, everything would completely disappear with this finger of his!

“Xiao Yan, Xun Er will withdraw her feelings only if you die. Therefore... die!”

His eyes stared at Xiao Yan’s naked upper body, which was filled with many bloody scars. A killing intent surged within Gu Yao’s heart.

“Break it!”

Under a countless number of eyes, the dark-black finger shot to its destination. It heavily collided with the enormous five-colored fire coil!

“Rumble!”

The frightening collision was like a collision between meteorites. In an instant, it emitted an earth-shaking sound. The entire mountain range trembled at this moment. Numerous ten-foot-large cracks began to swiftly spread over the ground like spider webs. The hard square, which was made of a special stone, swiftly collapsed...

“Boom!”

Energy ripples that were filled with a feeling of destruction swiftly spread from the point of the collision. They heavily smashed into the surrounding Dou Qi light barrier, causing it to shake until it fluctuated.

“Groan!”

Such a powerful collision caused a pale expressions to surface on the

faces of the three Elders from the Gu clan. Muffled moans were emitted from their throats. They hurriedly focused their minds and continued to pour the Dou Qi within their bodies into the light barrier in order to preserve it and prevent it from breaking apart. However, how could the remnant waves from the collision of those two frightening Dou Skills be blocked. After only a moment, the Dou Qi within the bodies of the three began to show signs of being exhausted.

“They have actually fought to such an extent...”

The three Elders quietly cried out within their hearts. None of them had thought that this battle would last for long. In the end, it had exceeded the expectations of most people. Not only was Xiao Yan not quickly defeated by Gu Yao’s hands, he had forced Gu Yao to unleash a true killing attack!

“Gu Qian, Gu Xu, go and help them!”

That white-haired old man called Gu Shan also revealed a grave expression as he spoke in a deep voice.

“Understood!”

Gu Qian and Gu Xu hurriedly replied when they heard his command. Their bodies appeared in the air and a majestic Dou Qi were poured into the Dou Qi barrier. Only then did the Dou Qi barrier, which was about to shatter, stabilize.

“Crack!”

A slight cracking sound was suddenly emitted from the sky when the light barrier gradually stabilized. The hearts of a countless number of people suddenly became chilled. Suddenly they raised their heads. Those with sharp eyes discovered that a crack line had quietly formed when the five-colored fire coil collided with the enormous black finger. From the looks of it, it seemed that Gu Yao’s Great Silent Destruction Finger was clearly the stronger Dou Skill!

“Hee, this little fellow is finally unable to endure any longer, huh...”

“Xiao Yan’s five-colored fire coil is unable to endure any longer...”

This scene caused quite a number of people to exclaim out loud. They clearly understood that this was the final all out battle between both parties. The first one to not be able to endure would likely be defeated!

“Crack crack crack!”

The number of lines on the five-colored fire coil increased in front of a countless number of eyes. Although the enormous black finger had gradually become blurry, Xiao Yan’s five-colored fire coil would be the first to collapse.

“Xiao Yan’s Five Ring Flame Expelling Coil is no match for the other party’s Great Silent Destruction Finger!”

The expressions of the Little Fairy Doctor’s group became extremely ugly at this moment. Dou Qi began to circulate rapidly within their bodies. Clearly, they were preparing to intervene at any moment.

Xun Er clenched her hand, and a golden flame suddenly surged from her pretty eyes.

The smile on Mang Tian Chi’s face was replaced with a grave expression at this moment. He slowly stood up. Xiao Yan’s ability to fight with Gu Yao had exceeded everyone’s expectations. From the looks of this situation, he needed to still intervene. Xiao Yan might really end up losing his life in the Gu clan.

“The Dou Qi within young master Xiao Yan’s body is rapidly disappearing...”

Qing Lin by the side suddenly whispered when Mang Tian Chi was planning to intervene.

“Huh? What happened?”

Mang Tian Chi, Xun Er, and the others were startled when they heard this. They carefully sensed the situation and discovered that Xiao Yan’s aura had suddenly become much weaker at this moment. This discovery caused them to be a little stunned and uncertain. Xiao Yan possessed a Tian class Qi Method and his body was filled with Dou Qi. This Five Ring Flame Expelling Technique might require a large amount of Dou Qi, but it

would not cause Xiao Yan to end up in a weakened state.

“Boom!”

While Mang Tian Chi’s group was at a loss, the enormous five-colored flame expelling coil wasn’t able to endure the frightening strength of the Silent Destruction Finger. It emitted a ‘bang’ and blasted apart from the top down. A hot fire tongue shot out and melted the large rocks below.

“Xiao Yan, die!”

Gu Yao’s indifferent face revealed a cold smile when he saw the five-colored flame coil collapse. Although half the Silent Destruction Finger’s energy had been exhausted by the Five Ring Flame Expelling Technique, the remaining energy would be enough to kill Xiao Yan!

The somewhat illusory black finger swiftly destroyed the Five Ring Flame Expelling Coil with an overwhelming victory. This scene allowed everyone to understand that the victor of this battle had already been decided!

“Intervene!”

Xun Er was finally unable to remain still when she saw this. A golden flame surged from her body. She was just about to act when Mang Tian Chi by the side suddenly stopped her. He yelled in a deep voice, “Wait!”

Mang Tian Chi’s eyes stared at the flame expelling coil in the sky. It was only five feet in size when he said these words. Behind the damaged flame expelling coil was Xiao Yan’s body. If the Silent Destruction Finger were to annihilate the last remaining flame expelling coil, that frightening attack would fall on Xiao Yan’s body!

Mang Tian Chi’s eyes locked on the skinny figure behind the flame expelling coil. His pale-white face did not possess even the slightest panic at this moment. There was only the ferocity of a wild beast!

“Bang!”

While Mang Tian Chi was stopping Xun Er, the last remaining flame coil was finally blasted apart. Most of the members of the Gu clan appeared to

sigh in relief at this moment...

However, Xiao Yan suddenly widened his eyes when these people sighed in relief. He grabbed at the fire cluster of flame coil, which was blasting apart. After which, his foot stomped against empty air, and it hid his body as he charged toward the enormous black finger!

“Gu Yao, it is too early for you to be happy!”

Xiao Yan's body was like an ant as he headed toward the large black finger. A loud laugh was emitted in a mighty fashion. Some sharp eyed experts finally discovered Xiao Yan when his laughter was emitted. At this moment, a palm-sized fire lotus had appeared in Xiao Yan's palm at some unknown time. The fire lotus rotated and four types of fire seedlings quietly danced!

A destructive strength quietly grew!

“Bang!”

Xiao Yan's body collided with the enormous black finger. A loud sound appeared. Gu Yao and everyone in the stadium were stunned to see the powerful large black finger began to tremble when it came into contact with the flame. A ‘bang’ sounded, and it transformed into a black light that permeated the sky.

The frightening force from the shattered black finger shook Xiao Yan until his palm cracked. Fresh blood flowed down from it. His body was cut by the sharp wind until numerous blood scars formed, causing him to appear like a bloody person!

“Gu Yao, who do you think you are to take my life!”

Xiao Yan laughed to the sky. His laughter was hoarse, but it shook one's soul. His body turned into a bloody glow almost instantly. He flew through the sky unafraid of death. A dazzling fire glow shot out from the bright four-colored fire lotus in his hand. It rushed toward the dull Gu Yao...

A countless number of people, including some Elders from the Gu clan, revealed faces that were covered in shock at this moment!

Everyone knew that there had been a twist in the ending. Xiao Yan... was victorious!

Chapter 1336: Victorious

“Swoosh!”

Xiao Yan's figure had transformed into a blood-colored meteorite in front of a countless number of shocked eyes as he shot toward the pale-faced Gu Yao. A four-colored fire lotus was emitting a bright luster. A wave of annihilation-like strength overflowed from it, causing all the closeby energy to become violent.

Xiao Yan's speed was as quick as lightning. With a mere flash, he appeared a hundred feet in front of Gu Yao. The wild and violent energy that was being unleashed by the fire lotus truly caused Gu Yao to sense an aura of death. However, he had just used the Silent Destruction Finger and his body was empty of Dou Qi. He was also shocked by Xiao Yan. At that moment, he was unable to dodge. All he could do was watch that brilliant fire glow rapidly magnify in his eyes!

The faces of everyone from the Gu clan changed when they saw that Xiao Yan did not intend on stopping. Xiao Yan intended on delivering a killing blow!

“Ugh, Xiao Yan, show some mercy...”

Just when the fire lotus in Xiao Yan's hand was about to touch Gu Yao's body, a helpless sigh suddenly resonated over the stadium. After this voice sounded, Xiao Yan and the fire lotus in his hand suddenly stilled. Neither was able to advance even a little. The originally extremely wild and violent fire lotus had become gentle at this moment.

This kind of change caused Xiao Yan's eyes to shrink. He tried to struggle, but he ended up discovering that he was unable to move even a little. His heart felt slightly cold. There were indeed many experts within the Gu clan.

A frail-looking elderly figure slowly appeared in front of Xiao Yan when space itself stilled. The person who appeared was wearing a white robe. His hair and eyebrows were snow white in color. His deep eyes did not show even the slightest turbidity. Instead, there was the endless suction of

a black hole. One might involuntarily fall into it if one's eyes looked over, giving one an extremely mysterious feeling.

“Elder Tong Xuan...”

Gu Qian and the other Elders of the Gu clan hurriedly bowed and respectfully greeted this old man.

The old man who was called Elder Tong Xuan nodded. After which, his eyes slide to Xiao Yan as he softly sighed. He extended his shriveled hand and received the stilled fire lotus from Xiao Yan's hand. After which, he gently pinched it. The fire lotus, which contained an annihilation force, quietly broke apart. It did not cause even the slightest ripple.

After resolving the big bomb known as the Annihilation Fire Lotus, Elder Tong Xuan finally waved his sleeve and undid Xiao Yan's restraints. He flicked his finger and a gentle energy surged out of his sleeve. After which, it wrapped around Xiao Yan's body. Being immersed in this gentle energy, the blood scars on the surface of Xiao Yan's body rapidly disappeared. Within the blink of an eye, they had completely disappeared.

“Thank you very much Elder.”

Xiao Yan felt awed in his heart when he witnessed the skill of Elder Tong Xuan. He was not someone who clueless. It was definitely impossible for him to kill Gu Yao within this Gu Realm. Since this was the case, he had used this opportunity to step back, cup his hands to Elder Tong Xuan, and thank him.

Elder Tong Xuan nodded with a smile. His eyes slowly swept over Xiao Yan. A moment later, he said in a hoarse voice, “It is unexpected that the Xiao clan can still produce someone like this. It is likely that Xiao Xuan would be extremely pleased if he knew about this.”

“Gu Yao, you have already lost this match...” After saying this, Elder Tong Xuan turned to the pale-looking Gu Yao. Gu Yao was tightly clenching his hands. Elder Tong Xuan's calm voice resounded over this completely silent stadium.

Gu Yao's body suddenly trembled when he heard this. He clearly

understood that if Elder Tong Xuan had not intervened at the last moment, the current him would have been annihilated by Xiao Yan. Even though this was the case, his haughty self found it difficult to accept this cruel reality. He had never expected to lose to the trash of the Xiao clan. Someone he had never viewed seriously.

“A victory is a victory. A lose is a lose. If you do not even have the courage to admit that you have lost, what right do you have to become a general of the Black Submerged Army? What right do you have to become the Black Submerged King?” Elder Tong Xuan’s faint voice gained an additional sternness when he saw Gu Yao’s tightly clenched fist.

Gu Yao clenched his teeth. A moment later, he finally inhaled a deep breath of air. His eyes landed on Xiao Yan as he unwillingly said, “I have lost!”

“Gu Yao has actually admitted defeat...”

The stadium was completely quiet as everyone looked at the sky. Disbelief filled the eyes of many members of the Gu clan. Gu Yao could be ranked in the top of among the younger generation of the Gu clan. However, even he had been defeated by a descendant of the declined Xiao clan. This kind of cruel reality caused them to feel an extreme disbelief.

“How is this possible...”

Lin Xiu, Ling Quan, and the rest widened their mouths. They were completely speechless. This kind of ending had exceeded all of their expectations.

“Xiao Yan is not an ordinary person. The things he has experienced are far from what Gu Yao can compare with. It is not surprising that he has emerged victorious. The few of you should not provoke him in the future. Otherwise, you will only be seeking your own humiliation.” Gu Zhen lifted his head. He looked at the figure in the sky. The figure appeared skinny, but it possessed a mountain-like determination.

Lin Xiu and the others widened their mouths when they heard this, but they did not say anything. Even Gu Yao had been defeated by Xiao Yan. With their strength, stepping forward was equivalent to letting the other

party beat one's face.

Gu Yao smiled when he saw the way they acted. His eyes suddenly shifted to a large forest a great distance from the stadium. A glow flashed within his eyes.

"Tsk tsk, he even used the Silent Destruction Finger but still ended up losing. The blow that Gu Yao has received this time around is quite great... looks like we have underestimated this Xiao Yan."

A towering tree stood where Gu Zhen's eyes had landed. Three figures were standing at the top of the tree. A silver-robed man was looking at the sky and laughing.

"He is indeed very strong. If he was at the same level as Gu Yao, Gu Yao would have suffered a quicker lose." A burly-looking man with a humming-thunder-like voice spoke loudly. Although this person appeared foolish, the aura that seeped from his body was extremely powerful. It was just like the earth, appearing heavy and strong.

"If he was an eight star Dou Zun, even the both of you would not be a match for him..." A soft voice sounded. It came from a figure standing at the front. This person was simply dressed. He was handsome with an appearance that gave one a refined feeling. His aura did not appear stronger than the other two. However, he was clearly the leader of the three from where he stood.

"What about big brother?" That silver-robed man laughed as he asked.

"Perhaps we'll both end up seriously injured..." The green-clothed man smiled only to give a shocking reply. The strong-looking man and the silver-robed man's faces changed a little when they heard his reply.

"This person might appear peaceful, but his bones hide a ruthlessness that is greater than everyone here. This ruthlessness is likely obtained from experiencing many life and death battles..." The green-clothed man smiled and said. "Let's not bother with Xun Er's matter in the future. This Xiao Yan has already reached our minimum requirements. Moreover... no one will be able to escape if we really end up angering her. Even though Gu Yao has failed this time around, it is likely that he will not be able to

avoid some trouble in the future...”

“Ugh... fortunately I did not stick my head out.” That silver-robed man and the burly-looking man laughed when they heard this.

“That’s right, big brother, don’t you need to go and take the test?”

The green-clothed man shook his head and softly said, “I have already taken the test...”

“Oh? How was the result?” The silver-robed man and the burly-looking man revealed excited expressions on their faces when they heard this.

“I have barely reached the ninth grade bloodline.” The green-clothed man smiled. He turned his head around. An extremely bright clan tattoo with a faint rainbow color flowing over it slowly surfaced on his forehead.

“Hiss... grade nine!” The silver-robed man’s group involuntarily inhaled a deep breath of air when they saw this clan tattoo. Their faces were filled with envy and respect.

“It looks like big brother’s bloodline grade is catching up with Xun Er...”

The green-clothed man shook his head when he heard this. His eyes landed on an alluring figure in the distance before muttering, “How can it be so easy. Xun Er’s bloodline is the most perfect in the history of the Gu clan...”

The two of them were startled when they heard these words. They appeared to have thought of something, and a disbelief surfaced within their eyes.

“Could it be... no way, right?”

“Alright, since the match has ended, Xiao Yan, Gu Yao, the both of you should leave...”

Elder Tong Xuan in the sky waved his hand at Xiao Yan and Gu Yao as he spoke.

Xiao Yan nodded slightly when he heard this. He cupped his hands together towards Elder Tong Xuan. After which, he turned around and returned to his seat in front of the countless number of eyes present

without glancing at Gu Yao.

Elder Tong Xuan grabbed at the ground after seeing the two of them return to their seats. The square, which was damaged to the point where hundreds of holes had appeared, began to shake. Countless number of large rocks swiftly protruded outwards. After which, with a wave of Elder Tong Xuan's sleeve, those large rock fragments disappeared into nowhere. A neat and smooth large rock square had once again appeared in everyone's eyes.

"I shall conduct the remaining ceremony." Elder Tong Xuan suddenly said after completing this action.

Gu Qian and the other Elders were startled when they heard these words. Immediately, they appeared to understand something. A shocked expression surfaced within their eyes as they immediately bowed and stepped aside.

Elder Tong Xuan slowly landed from the sky after the other Elders withdrew. After which, his smiling eyes turned towards the alluring figure in the special area. He softly said, "Xun Er, it's your turn..."

Chapter 1337: Divine Bloodline

Everyone's eyes in the stadium had gathered on that alluring figure an instant after Elder Tong Xuan's voice sounded. She was the true pearl of the Gu clan.

"Xiao Yan ge-ge, are you alright?"

However, Xun Er completely ignored the gazes of everyone. Her pretty eyes were a little worried. She looked at Xiao Yan, who had returned to his seat, and softly asked.

"I'm fine. I have exhausted myself is all. Everything will be alright once I rest a while..." Xiao Yan smiled. He sensed that the gazes from the members of the Gu clan had changed when they looked at him. Clearly, him defeating Gu Yao had violently shocked them.

Xun Er's delicate hand gently wiped the trace of blood from the corner of Xiao Yan's mouth. She did not say anything, but there was a faint fury dancing within her pretty eyes. Although Xiao Yan had been victorious this time around, there was danger throughout the fight. If Xiao Yan had not formed the Annihilation Fire Lotus at the last moment, he would have, at the very least, been seriously injured by Gu Yao's Silent Destruction Finger.

"The matter today is not over! Gu Yao, you better not land in my hands the next time around. Otherwise, I will definitely let you taste this feeling!"

Xun Er clenched her hand. After which, she nodded in front of Xiao Yan's smiling face. Her body drifted, and she gently landed on the square like a dancing butterfly.

Elder Tong Xuan looked at the somewhat icy-cold face of Xun Er. He involuntarily laughed and said, "Ugh, you should also know that with your excellence and your status in the Gu clan, it is not surprising for such a thing to occur. Xiao Yan requires such a challenge. Otherwise, it is very difficult for him to be truly accepted by those clan members."

"I hope that this is the last time!" Xun Er replied in a cool voice.

“You can rest assured. He has already proven himself with his strength. No blind fellow will provoke him in the future.” Elder Tong Xuan nodded. After which, he beckoned with his hand. A ten-foot-large star disk appeared in front of him.

“Xun Er, it’s your turn...”

Xun Er slowly stepped forward. Her hand gently touched the star disk as she shut her pretty eyes.

After Xun Er shut her eyes, some light began to be emitted from her hand. Under this light, one star after another began to quietly appear on the star disk.

All the eyes present focused on the star disk. The appearance of every star would cause the hearts of many people to violently pound.

One star... two stars... five stars... seven stars... eight stars...

The breath of everyone present had become rough and heavy when they saw the increasing number of stars on the star disk. Those with sharp senses were able to discover that even space itself had begun to fluctuate. There was an obscure powerful aura vaguely being emitted. Clearly, they were the experts from the Gu clan who had not revealed themselves. However, at this moment, they could not longer remain still and had begun to observe the square.

Soon after the eighth star on the star disk appeared in front of a countless number of eyes, another powerful light gathered. Another star was slowly formed amid sounds from the inhalation of cool air.

“Nine star, a grade nine bloodline!”

Almost all the members of the Gu clan inhaled a deep breath of cool air when they saw the nine dazzling stars on the star disk. Even Gu Shan, Gu Qian, and the other Elders of such strength, quietly tightened their hands, which were placed on their armrests. Their eyes did not blink as they stared at the star disk. An excitement was dancing within their eyes.

A grade nine bloodline meant that the Gu clan would have a clan member with the potential to advance to the Dou Sheng class.

Although this was just about potential, potential and sufficient time would be able to create a new Dou Sheng!

Dou Sheng was an existence that represented the peak of this world. Even an ultimate faction like the Gu clan valued them because they competed in terms of the number of Dou Shengs that they possessed!

Whoever possessed more Dou Shengs would be the top faction!

“It is indeed a grade nine bloodline. Xun Er’s bloodline strength is really incomparably strong...”

The silver-robed man on the large tree in the distance involuntarily smacked his mouth when he saw this. His face was shocked and full of envy.

“It is not over yet... if it is merely a grade nine bloodline, those old fellows would not have gathered here.” The green-clothed man spoke in a faint voice.

The hearts of the silver-robed man and the burly man shook when they heard his words. They looked at each other and saw disbelief in the other party’s eyes.

While the words of the green-clothed man had sounded, the light that was being emitted by the ninth star on the star disk became brighter in front of the wildly joyous eyes of Elder Tong Xuan...

“Peak of the ninth grade...”

Elder Tong Xuan’s eyes were staring at the extremely bright star. Even with his calm mental state, his heart still involuntarily pounded at this moment.

Xun Er’s hand suddenly shook in front of a countless number of eyes. Her hand appeared to have become transparent at this moment. Blood flowed rapidly in her blood vessels. Bits of golden light followed these blood vessels and swiftly gathered in her hand that was touching the star disk.

“Chi!”

The golden light spot became denser. In the end, Xun Er's arm appeared to have been made of yellow gold. The star disk suddenly trembled when this glow reached its peak. Numerous tiny crack lines began to appear. After which, they began to rapidly spread...

"What a frightening bloodline strength. Even the star disk is unable to endure it!"

Upon seeing these cracks, the ordinary Gu clan members and even some Elders began to reveal shocked expressions. Relying on one's bloodline strength to shatter the star disk, was something that they had never even heard about!

"Buzz buzz!"

While the cracks spread, a little yellow-golden light vaguely appeared in the dark-black region after the ninth star.

With the appearance of this golden-yellow glow, all the voices of the entire stadium suddenly became quiet. Even those obscure auras lingering in the sky suddenly paused. A joy was vaguely spreading.

The yellow-golden light had just appeared when it swiftly scattered. Within the blink of an eye, the glow had turned into the size of a thumb and began to wiggle. A moment later, a somewhat dim, completely golden-yellow star appeared in front of a countless number of eyes.

"Bang!"

The moment the tenth golden-yellow star appeared, the star disk emitted a 'bang' and exploded. A golden-yellow light pillar shot toward the sky from Xun Er's hands. Wave after wave of a powerful pressure spread from that light pillar. Under this pressure, most of the people present were shocked to discover that the Dou Qi within their bodies had ceased circulating. A fear and respect had begun to spread from deep within their souls...

This was a fear and respect of a lower being to a superior being!

"Ten star... divine bloodline!"

Everyone from the Gu clan was stunned as they stared at the golden-yellow light pillar that shot toward the sky. They possessed the same bloodline as Xun Er. That kind of pressure was even stronger to them. Many members of the Gu clan were unable to endure this intense pressure. They emitted a 'puff' sound as they knelt on the ground. A wild heat filled their faces.

Xiao Yan's group watched over half of the members from the Gu clan kneel in an instant. Among them was Lin Xiu and the rest. Some Elders and those of Gu Yao's strength did not kneel. However, they still bowed. Those eyes of theirs did not dare to look directly at the golden-yellow figure.

"What an outstanding girl... divine bloodline. The Gu clan is really blessed..." Mang Tian Chi softly sighed. His voice could not hide his envy. Being a member of the Lei clan, he naturally clearly understood just how important this so-called divine bloodline was to an ancient clan.

"Ha ha, you should be aware of how frightening Xun Er is now, right?"

The green-clothed man on the towering tree narrowed his eyes and looked at the golden light in the distance. He smiled and spoke to the two stunned people behind him.

"Divine grade..."

The silver-robed man and the burly man exchanged gazes with one another. They felt as if their mouths were full of bitterness. Although they had made a guess in their hearts earlier, they still ended up feeling disbelief when this kind of guess became reality. After all, a divine bloodline had not appeared within the Gu clan for the last thousand years.

The golden light pillar shot toward the sky. A moment later, it slowly disappeared before transforming into a ray of golden light that once again entered Xun Er's body. At this moment, she slowly opened her pretty eyes. She did not feel the least bit surprised at the surrounding silence. Instead, her calm eyes stared at the heated face of Elder Tong Xuan in front of her.

"It is indeed the divine bloodline..."

Elder Tong Xuan excitedly muttered as Xun Er looked at him. Only then did he gradually calm down. He smiled at her. After which, his face became solemn as he respectfully extended both of his hands. Subsequently, they were gently clenched in the empty space in front of him. A flickering rainbow-colored dragon pen appeared in his hand when he did. The faces of all the members of the Gu clan revealed a respectful expression the moment this rainbow dragon pen appeared.

Mang Tian Chi sighed when he saw the flickering rainbow-colored dragon pen. He muttered.

“Rainbow Heavenly God Pen... this is something that the Gu clan has not used in the last thousand years. Have they finally taken it out now...”

Chapter 1338: Rainbow clan Tattoo

Elder Tong Xuan's expression was respectful as he held the rainbow dragon pen in his hand. His heart was filled with excitement. This Rainbow Heavenly God Pen had not been used by the Gu clan for a thousand years, but it was going to be unsealed!

"Xun Er..."

Elder Tong Xuan held the Rainbow Heavenly God Pen in his hand as he looked at Xun Er. Xun Er nodded when she saw this, and then she shut her eyes.

Elder Tong Xuan's expression became grave when he saw Xun Er nodding. A monstrous aura surged from his body in all directions. After which, the hand holding the Rainbow Heavenly God Pen tightened. His arm danced and numerous mysterious lines began to rapidly form under his palm. Following the dancing of the Rainbow Heavenly God Pen, numerous rainbow-colored symbols began to appear on Xun Er's smooth forehead with every stroke.

This rainbow was an extremely brilliant color. It was many times stronger compared to the rainbow color on the forehead of the green-clothed man. The divine grade and the ninth grade was the difference of one grade. However, there was still an extremely great difference between the two.

The expression of Elder Tong Xuan became more grave with every stroke of the rainbow clan tattoo. The hand he was holding the Heavenly God Pen in involuntarily trembled. The Dou Qi within his body swiftly flowed like floodwater...

"What a frightening Heavenly God Pen. No wonder no one has the qualification to touch it in a thousand years. From just this degree of Dou Qi exhaustion, anyone without the strength of a Dou Sheng would be sucked dry!"

Elder Tong Xuan's expression sank as he sensed the rapidly diminishing Dou Qi in his body. He quickly focused his mind and controlled the

perfect orbit of the pen...

“Chi chi!”

The Rainbow Heavenly God Pen danced above a spot half an inch or so in front of Xun Er. Numerous rainbow lines continued to appear on her forehead.

“Hu!”

This drawing of the clan tattoo in front of a countless number of gazes continued for nearly ten minutes before it was finished. After the final stroke landed, a cold sweat involuntarily surfaced on Elder Tong Xuan’s face despite his great strength. Although he was exhausted, his eyes were still filled with his excitement.

“It’s done...”

Xun Er’s tightly shut eyes were slowly opened after hearing the voice beside her ear. The moment her eyes were opened, the rainbow clan tattoo on her forehead suddenly emitted a powerful rainbow glow!

“Plop!”

Under this rainbow light, quite a number of powerful clan members from the Gu clan were unable to endure the pressure that came from deep within their souls. A ‘plop’ sounded as they knelt for Xun Er with wild and heated faces.

“Ha ha, the rainbow clan tattoo has finally appeared in our Gu clan after a thousand years...”

An elderly laugh vaguely sounded from the distant sky when the rainbow light erupted. The laugh was extremely faint and was fleeting. If someone’s ears weren’t sharp, the voice would be impossible to detect.

“It is unexpected that even this person has been disturbed...”

Elder Tong Xuan was slightly startled when he heard this unusually old voice. He immediately bowed to a certain part of the sky.

The rainbow light only lasted for a moment before it completely withdrew into the rainbow clan tattoo on Xun Er’s smooth forehead. The

clan tattoo shook before gradually disappearing. This clan tattoo would not appear on the surface. It would only appear when its owner intentionally summoned it.

“Let’s go, there is nothing to see. In time to come, Xun Er will definitely surpass everyone within the clan...”

The green-clothed man on the towering tree in the distance smiled when the rainbow light scattered. He merely smiled and was about to turn around when his eyes suddenly turned to a seat. The eyes of the somewhat pale-looking Xiao Yan were thrown to his position.

“Ha ha, have we been discovered. What sharp senses...”

The green-clothed man smiled when he saw Xiao Yan’s eyes. After which, his toes pressed on the top of the tree before his body drifted and withdrew. Within a couple of flashes, he had disappeared. The silver-robed man and the burly man followed close behind.

“There are indeed as many experts as there are clouds in this Gu clan. The Dou Di bloodline is indeed worthy of stirring the envy of others...”

Xiao Yan frowned as he watched the mysterious green-clothed man leave. This person should be a member of the Gu clan. However, the pressure that he left for Xiao Yan was even stronger than Gu Yao.

“Let’s leave too. There is nothing interesting in the subsequent ceremony.” Xiao Yan stood from his seat, cupped his hands, and bid Mang Tian Chi goodbye. After which, he smiled at Xun Er in the square. He led the Little Fairy Doctor’s group. They turned and headed back using the route they had used to come.

“This little fellow has likely suffered a serious injury. Although Elder Tong Xuan has healed his external wounds, that Silent Destruction Finger of Gu Yao is quite an overbearing Tian class Dou Skill...” Mang Tian Chi did not stop Xiao Yan as he watched the group leave. He naturally understood that it was a narrow victory despite Xiao Yan having emerged victorious this time around.

“Since the ceremony is over, I shall take my leave first...” Xun Er was also

worried about Xiao Yan's injuries when she saw Xiao Yan's group leave. She did not wish to continue remaining in this place. After uttering these words to Elder Tong Xuan, she ignored his response, and her body chased after Xiao Yan's group in front of many gazes with a flash.

Elder Tong Xuan helplessly shook his head when he saw Xun Er leave as she pleased. He bitterly laughed, "Looks like the divine bloodline is not enough. The Xiao clan is still better. They don't need to do anything, yet they have been able to obtain a daughter-in-law with a divine bloodline..."

A figure that was covered in a black robe at a corner of the square looked at Xun Er's distant back with flickering eyes. There was a faint chilly glint within them.

"It is unexpected that the Gu clan has produced a divine bloodline. Looks like she will be a great enemy of my Hun clan in the future, and she might even disrupt the plan of my Hun clan. Looks like I need to quietly find an opportunity to finish this person off..."

After experiencing Xun Er's bomb-like ceremony, the subsequent ceremonies had difficulty stirring the excitement of others. Hence, Elder Tong Xuan had withdrawn, leaving the remaining people to the other Elders...

At this moment, Xiao Yan's group had returned to the bamboo house within the mountain forest. The quiet atmosphere caused everyone to sigh in relief after such a busy day.

A blood-red sun hung on the edge of the sky in the evening, unleashing its last heat on the land.

"Creak..."

A tightly shut bamboo door was gently pushed open. The Little Fairy Doctor gently walked in. After which, she looked at Xiao Yan on the bed. His eyes were currently open, so she smiled and asked, "How are you?"

"There is nothing serious. I have only exhausted myself too much. The Silent Destruction Force that had been transmitted into my body has been removed with Xun Er's help..." Xiao Yan smiled and nodded. At this

moment, his expression was already much better after a couple of hours of rest.

“Ugh, I should not be so miserable. However, it is becoming more difficult to leap between the levels...”

Xiao Yan sighed as he spoke. Following the increase in his strength, the ability of his fighting across the levels had become more limited. After all, every star after the fifth star of the Dou Zun class was an enormous gap. If it was an ordinary Dou Zun, one would not be able to defeat an opponent of a higher level. Moreover, the opponent that Xiao Yan had faced this time around was a ferocious individual who possessed a Tian class Qi Method and Tian class Dou Skills...

Xiao Yan's ability to emerge victorious in such a fight was quite a surprising thing.

The Little Fairy Doctor smiled and nodded. She said, “This is only natural. If you were at the same level as Gu Yao, it is likely that he would not even have the ability to retaliate...”

Xiao Yan was noncommittal in the face of the Little Fairy Doctor's words. He asked, “Where is Xun Er?”

“She has gone to the Gu clan. I heard her say that this “Heavenly Tomb” will open in two days...” The Little Fairy Doctor spoke.

“Heavenly Tomb...”

Xiao Yan's heart pounded when he heard this name. Part of the reason why he had come to the Gu Realm this time around was to head to the tomb left behind by his ancestor Xiao Xuan, and from what Huo Xuan had said, this tomb was in the Heavenly Tomb. In other words, he needed to enter the “Heavenly Tomb” before he could enter Xiao Xuan's tomb.

Xiao Yan involuntarily frowned when he thought of this. The relationship between him and the Gu clan was not in a good place. Hence, he was a little worried that the Gu clan would intervene and stop him from entering...

The main hall of the Gu clan was well lit. Numerous elderly figures were

seated around a wide meeting table. The atmosphere was solemn and stern.

“Next, we will discuss the matter of the opening of the Heavenly Tomb. Everyone knows that there are a total of sixteen people who can enter the Heavenly Tomb. Each of the eight ancient clans possess two spots... however, no one from the Ling clan has come this time around. Hence, two spots have become vacant. According to the rules, our Gu clan can use these two spots. In other words, our Gu clan will have four spots.” Elder Tong Xuan’s eyes overlooked the entire hall from a spot on the meeting table as he spoke.

“However, there should be six people that our Gu clan has arranged to enter the Heavenly Tomb... in other words, we are lacking two spots.” An Elder softly spoke.

“Aren’t the spots for the Xiao clan always used by our Gu clan? There are just enough if we add them...” Gu Qian exchanged looks with a couple of elders beside him before opening his mouth to speak.

“However, the Xiao clan has Xiao Yan. He has come this time around... if this is the case...” An Elder hesitated.

“The Xiao clan has already declined to such an extent. It is no longer ranked among the ancient clans. There is nothing wrong in excluding it. I think that Xiao Yan should be able to understand this.” That white-haired Elder Gu Shan spoke in a calm voice.

Some of the Elders involuntarily nodded when they heard his words. However, Elder Tong Xuan frowned.

“Bang!”

The tightly shut door emitted a ‘bang.’ It had been shook open while Elder Tong Xuan was frowning. The guards at the door were just about to furiously cry out when they suddenly knelt down under a rainbow glow.

“Elder Gu Shan. Ever since the Xiao clan left the Central Plains, the Gu clan has been occupying their spots. Currently, someone from the Xiao clan has finally come, yet you refuse to return this spot. Aren’t you going a

little overboard?”

The rainbow glow lit up the large hall, spreading to all the Elders within. At the same time, a cool voice suddenly sounded within this large hall.

Chapter 1339: Meet

The expressions of quite a number of Elders changed when the rainbow light covered the hall. Their bodies involuntarily trembled. If they did not possess a great strength, the pressure from the bloodline would likely cause them to kneel down like those guards...

“Xun Er...”

Some of the Elders bitterly laughed. Who else in the Gu clan other than Xun Er possessed such a bloodline pressure.

A beautiful figure slowly walked into the large hall under the eyes of many. The rainbow light spreading from her brows.

“Ugh... Xun Er, hide the clan tattoo first.” Elder Tong Xun helplessly sighed. He glanced at Elder Gu Shan, whose expression was a little ugly, as he spoke.

After hearing Elder Tong Xuan’s words, the rainbow light that was being emitted from between her brows gradually weakened. She walked to the side of the meeting table. Some fury was leaping within her pretty eyes. She knew that these fellows would definitely not accept Xiao Yan. Even though he had displayed an extremely great strength, these people still could not help but quietly obstruct him.

“Xun Er, you are a member of our Gu clan! Think more for the Gu clan when you act!” Gu Shan’s face sunk as he tried to reprimand her.

“Elder Gu Shan, although I am a member of the Gu clan, there are some things that you should not go overboard with. Our Gu clan has already gained a great advantage on the matter of spots available. Moreover, the spots for the Xiao clan have always been handed to our Gu clan since they left the Central Plains. Putting it this way, our Gu clan has benefited from their favor. Now that Xiao Yan has arrived here after much difficulty, not only do you not plan on returning the spots to him, you even thought about excluding him. Anyone with a conscience would not do such a thing, right?” Xun Er glared at Gu Shan. Her words had become extremely stern, causing the his face to sink. He found it difficult to form a retort.

“Xun Er, this place is where the Elders discuss various issues. You barging in here has already broken the rules...” Gu Qian frowned as he came up with a reply.

“Elder Gu Qian, have you forgotten about the authority of the rainbow clan tattoo?” Xun Er coldly demanded.

Gu Qian was startled when he heard this. He immediately felt a little bitter. According to the rules of the Gu clan, any clan member who possessed the rainbow clan tattoo would be able to surpass most of the Elders in terms of position. Entering this meeting room was not against any rules.

“Alright, stop arguing...” Elder Tong Xuan knit his brows as he finally opened his mouth and ordered them.

The large hall had become much quieter after hearing his voice. Numerous eyes gathered on Elder Tong Xuan.

“It is indeed a little overboard to exclude Xiao Yan... add him to the namelist for this Heavenly Tomb. Our Gu clan has taken advantage of the Xiao clan’s spots for many years. It is now time to return them. Moreover, only one Xiao Yan from the Xiao clan has come. Even if we allow him to enter the Heavenly Tomb, our Gu clan still has five spots. This is already quite good. Everyone should not think too much about it...” Elder Tong Xuan crossed his fingers as his calm voice resounded around the large hall.

Gu Shan and some Elders frowned when they heard this. However, they could only nod their heads. They understood that Xun Er was in possession of a divine bloodline. Forget about her father being the current clan head. Just this bloodline and the rainbow tattoo caused the weight of her words to become many times heavier. Even experienced Elders like them could not reprimand her.

“Since there are no objections, we will decide to do it like this. The Heavenly Tomb will open in two days. Xun Er, ask Xiao Yan to prepare for it...” Elder Tong Xuan spoke.

“Aye, Elders, sorry to have disturbed you...”

Xun Er slightly nodded. She bowed her body in a courteous manner to all the Elders seated. After which, she turned around and walked out of the large hall in front of the respectful eyes of the surrounding guards.

Quite a number of Elders within the hall looked at each other after seeing Xun Er's back disappear. They did not expect Xun Er, who usually did not bother with such matters, to act so forcefully when it came to something related to Xiao Yan.

"Elder Tong Xuan, there is still the tomb of Xiao Xuan within the Heavenly Tomb. Our people have failed to enter that place even now..." Gu Shan was quiet for a moment after Xun Er left before involuntarily speaking.

Elder Tong Xuan could not resist frowning when he heard these words.

"All of you should not have any thoughts toward the tomb of Xiao Xuan. Given his divine abilities back then, if he did not wish others to enter his tomb, then even the clan head would not have a fifty percent chance of success if he tried to enter. Therefore, you need not waste your efforts..." An elderly voice suddenly materialized within the large hall while Elder Tong Xuan was frowning. Gu Shan wisely shut his mouth when he heard this voice. Since even this person had spoken, he could only stop thinking about the tomb of Xiao Xuan.

"Alright, let's dismiss. The Gu clan has recently invited quite a number of experts. All of you should pay more attention. Do not allow them to disturb the descendant citizens of the Gu clan..."

"Understood."

Many Elders respectfully replied when they heard these words. After which, they slowly stood up and left the hall one after the other.

Elder Tong Xuan sat in his seat. He watched this large hall rapidly empty before sighing, "How does the clan leader and the rest view Xiao Yan?"

The space in a chair beside the meeting table became distorted after Elder Tong Xuan's words sounded. A gray-robed old man slowly appeared. He faintly answered, "He is going to make it big."

“Oh?” Elder Tong Xuan raised his brows. It was definitely not easy to get this old fellow with ridiculously high expectations to utter these words.

“What about the Tou She Ancient God’s Jade?” Based on our guesses, it is most likely with Xiao Yan. Things will be somewhat troublesome should this thing end up being taken by the Hun clan...” Elder Tong Xuan hesitated for a moment before asking.

The gray-robed figure’s shriveled hand rubbed the armrest of the chair. A moment later, he finally said, “There is no need to be worried. It will be resolved...”

“So it’s like this, huh...”

Elder Tong Xuan nodded and muttered to himself.

A faint cloud lingered over a lush green mountain, giving it the appearance of paradise.

Xiao Yan used gentle and slow footsteps to walk to the top of the mountain. The injuries and exhaustion within his body had healed. After his physical body had undergone the tempering of Zi Yan’s Dragon Phoenix strength, it had become extremely strong. Its ability to recover did not even need mentioning.

“Huh?”

Xiao Yan allowed the Flame Mantra to circulate as he slowly walked through the mountain forest. He absorbed the pure energy and let it invade every part of his body. However, Xiao Yan’s feet paused while he was immersed in such a state. His shut eyes were swiftly opened. A solemn expression flashed onto his face as he looked at the edge of the mountain road in front of him. A figure was standing with his hands behind his back at that spot.

Surprise surged into Xiao Yan’s eyes when he looked at that back. From his senses, this person did not even possess the slightest aura. It was as though this person, even the space where he was located, did not exist. However, it was possible for one to ascertain that this was a person when one looked with one’s naked eye. These conflicting senses were

exceptionally unusual.

“This junior Xiao Yan is merely passing by. Elder, please forgive me if I have disturbed you.”

Xiao Yan cupped his hands to this figure and spoke in an exceptionally polite voice. After which, he shifted his feet and slowly pulled back. The feeling this person gave him was too strange, causing him to have no choice but to be a little cautious.

“There is no need to leave. I have been waiting for you here...”

Xiao Yan had just stepped back when a faint laugh buzzed beside his ear. His eyes became dazzled. The next time he focused his mind, he discovered that he was already at the top of the mountain. Clouds lingered around him, giving it an atmosphere of paradise. However, this caused a chill to rise within Xiao Yan’s heart. Just what kind of tactic was this? He had met a countless number of experts over the years. However, this was the first time that he had met someone who could shift his own body without him sensing the changes.

Xiao Yan swallowed a mouthful of saliva. He looked straight ahead where a figure was standing with his hands behind him a short distance away. That person did not possess a powerful pressure, but Xiao Yan dared not slight this person even a little. He was certain that the person in front of him was definitely the most terrifying person he had met since his birth!

Since Xiao Yan was here, he would not remain horrified. He quickly controlled his emotions. The other party’s strength was too frightening. He did not even possess the slightest ability to resist. Hence, he was not worried the other party would do anything to him. By possessing such a strength, all the other party needed to do was to randomly wave a hand and that would seriously injure him. It was pointless to play all these useless tricks.

“Ha ha, it is unexpected that the Xiao clan has actually been able to produce such an outstanding young man after its bloodline has been wasted. This has caused me to have no choice but to believe that Xiao

Xuan's actions were with reason..."

Xiao Yan's heart felt slightly cold. From this short sentence, he understood that the mysterious person in front of him had been in contact with his ancestor. In other words, the other party was an old demon who had lived an unknown number of years...

"May I know elder's name?" Xiao Yan respectfully asked.

That figure smiled faintly when he heard Xiao Yan's question. After which, he slowly turned around. This person appeared to be around forty years old or so. He looked just like an ordinary middle-aged man. His clothes were ordinary and made of linen. The smile that was appeared on his face caused one to feel somewhat peaceful.

This ordinary appearance was somewhat different from what Xiao Yan had imagined in his heart. Before he could recover from this difference, the middle-aged man's next sentence caused him to feel stunned.

"I am Xun Er's father..."

"Xun Er's father..."

Xiao Yan was speechless. He had heard Xun Er mention that her father was the Gu clan head and a true peak existence within this world...

Now, this peak existence on the Dou Qi continent had appeared in front of him with an extremely ordinary appearance!

Chapter 1340: Talk

That middle-aged man involuntarily laughed when he saw Xiao Yan's lack of expression. He asked, "Are you very surprised?"

Xiao Yan gradually recovered from his shock when he heard this question. He secretly observed the middle-aged man in front of him and dryly laughed. He found that he did not know what to say. In front of this frightening person with overwhelming strength, it was as though any thought that lingered within his heart would be discovered by the other party.

"Ha ha, I am called Gu Yuan. Speaking of which, we met when you were born. However, no one knew my identity..." The middle-aged man faintly laughed.

Xiao Yan was stunned again. He had not expected that he had met this overwhelmingly powerful clan head when he had arrived in this world.

"May I know what important matter has caused this Gu clan to wait for this junior here?" Xiao Yan hesitated a moment before respectfully asking.

"It is naturally because of the matter between you and Xun Er." Gu Yuan smiled and replied.

Xiao Yan's heart became slightly stern when he heard this. He involuntarily frowned and said, "Does clan head Gu Yuan not wish for Xun Er to be together with me?"

"This is not my intention. As long as Xun Er is willing, I, as her father, will not force her. Moreover, with her current divine bloodline, even I, this clan head of the Gu clan, will not be able to force her to do anything..." Gu Yuan smiled as he continued, "If it is you, you are passable despite not being as strong as the peak of the younger generation from the Gu clan..."

Xiao Yan was startled when he heard these words. A joy immediately surged within his eyes. Most of the members from the Gu clan in the Gu Realm were full of enmity toward him. However, this Gu Yuan in front of him was somewhat beyond his expectations.

“Thank you very much clan head Gu Yuan.” Xiao Yan cupped his hands together and joyously spoke.

“You should not be in such a hurry to rejoice. Although I will not stop the both of you, some Elders of the Gu clan and some even older existences still feel some grudges in regard to this relationship. After all, Xun Er has the divine bloodline that has not appeared within the Gu clan for a thousand years. They will naturally be unwilling for such a bloodline to become imperfect because of some other thing. Therefore, you will be faced with some hindrances and it will not be easy. From the perspective of my position as the clan head of the Gu clan, I am unable to provide you much help. After all, the clan head must put the clan ahead...” Gu Yuan faintly explained.

Xiao Yan was quiet as he nodded.

“Of course, other than the position of clan head, I am also Xun Er’s father. I will naturally like something as long as it is something she likes...” Gu Yuan faintly smiled and said, “I am not too dissatisfied with you. Although the bloodline in your body has been wasted, you are able to rely on your own hard work to achieve something that is not inferior to those who possess a bloodline. This is really admirable.”

“Honestly speaking, if I had known of the results today, I would not have sent Xun Er to the Xiao clan back then... ugh, it is unexpected that not only did I fail to obtain that thing, I also ended up losing a daughter. This trade is really a great loss.”

Xiao Yan could only smile awkwardly in the face of such words. He did not dare reply.

“I will not intervene in the matter between the two of you. However, I need you to promise me some things...”

Xiao Yan’s heart pounded when he heard these words. He carefully asked, “May I know what they are?”

“Relax, it is not something that you will find difficult to achieve. I just hope that when you are together with Xun Er in the future, you will allow her... to maintain an untouched body before she reaches the Dou Sheng

class.” Gu Yuan hesitated for a moment as he spoke.

Xiao Yan’s face immediately became embarrassed when he heard this. He had not imagined that the thing that Gu Yuan wanted him to promise was such a ridiculous request. Did he appear like a person who had uncontrolled sexual desires?

“Ha ha, a young person will inevitably have moments when one is impulsive. Moreover, the both of you aren’t frequently together. Cough...” Gu Yuan involuntarily and dryly coughed. He said, “The main thing is that the bloodline within Xun Er’s body is unstable, and you are also not a member of the Gu clan. If you randomly perform intercourse, it would damage the bloodline within Xun Er’s body. In the event that such a thing occurs, it is likely that those old fellows from the clan will act forcefully. You should be aware of the consequences.”

Xiao Yan bitterly smiled and nodded. Did this great person appear in front of him in order to talk to him about this somewhat ridiculous matter?

“This is something that I am only reminding you of in passing. The greatest reason for me to reveal myself is because of the Tou She Ancient God’s Jade on you.” Gu Yuan paused. After which, he looked at Xiao Yan and slowly spoke.

Xiao Yan’s expression involuntarily changed when he heard the words Tou She Ancient God’s Jade. He was naturally aware that this Tou She Ancient God’s Jade was a precious object within the Xiao clan. The reason that the Hall of Souls had captured his father was because of this mysterious ancient jade piece. However, hardly anyone knew that the ancient jade was with him.

“The Tou She Ancient God was the last Dou Di on the Dou Qi continent. After him, not a single person has managed to reach the level of a Dou Di, which exists only in the legends even now...” Gu Yuan spoke on his own without being concerned about the change in Xiao Yan’s expression. “It is rumored that when the Tou She Ancient God died, he left behind a Dou Di remains. Within it contains the secrets of breaking through the Dou

Sheng class... no one has discovered the Dou Di remains even now, a big battle erupted among the eight ancient clans and some super factions of the Central Plains many years ago. In the end, they only obtained a key to the remains... the Tou She Ancient God's Jade in your hands. This thing is ordinarily divided into three pieces, but after experiencing a string of miserable battles, it was divided into eight. Coincidentally, they were obtained by the eight ancient clans back then. The piece in your hand is one of the eight..."

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. He was vaguely aware of some of these matters. However, he had always thought that the Tou She Ancient God's Jade had only been divided into three pieces, but there was actually eight of them.

"The reason why the Hall of Souls captured your father is because of the Xiao clan's Tou She Ancient God's Jade..." Gu Yuan frowned slightly when he mentioned the Hall of Souls. "The Hun clan has always been the most strange and mysterious clan among the eight ancient clans. Back then, the Gu clan and the Xiao clan had joined hands and engaged in a big battle with them. Both parties ended up with their own losses, but we failed to cause the Hun clan too much damage. After which, Xiao Xuan became the clan head of the Xiao clan. Originally, we had the opportunity to seriously damage the Hun clan. However, Xiao Xuan was eventually surrounded and killed by many experts from the Hun clan. The Xiao clan was hence brought to its knees..."

"Having lost the support of the Xiao clan, the Gu clan was not able to declare war against the Hun clan by itself because everyone knew that both clans would have suffered great losses if we ended up fighting, which would provide the other factions with an opportunity. Hence, things have continued until now..."

"From some of the actions of the Hun clan during these years, they are likely ready to cause trouble again. Hence, this Ancient God Jade will definitely be their target... if they are allowed to obtain all the Ancient God Jade, the strength of the Hun clan will definitely soar and break the equilibrium..." The expression of Gu Yuan was a little grave as he

studied Xiao Yan. He said, "You should know just how important the Tou She Ancient God Jade is, right?"

Xiao Yan slightly nodded. However, an image of an underground magma world suddenly flashed across his heart. That place was the magma world under the Jia Nan Academy. There was something at the end of the magma that had caused the Tou She Ancient God Jade in his hand to react.

"Could it be that the end of the magma world is the hidden location of the Dou Di remains?"

Xiao Yan was contemplating the thought. He got a premonition that the thing at the end of the magma world was definitely extremely important.

"What is clan head Gu Yuan's intentions?" Xiao Yan recovered and slowly asked.

Gu Yuan started at Xiao Yan. A moment later, he shook his head and helplessly said, "According to the intention of those old fellows from within the clan, they wish for you to hand the ancient jade in your hands to the Gu clan for safekeeping, but I think that you will be unwilling to hand it over."

Xiao Yan gently nodded and replied, "There is the trace of a spiritual imprint of my father within the ancient jade. I need to rely on this to ascertain whether he is alive. Therefore, I will definitely need to keep this ancient jade."

The Tou She Ancient God Jade was the most precious thing of the Xiao clan. If it really came to that time in the future, Xiao Yan would not hesitate even a little if he had to use it to exchange for Xiao Zhan. This was a chip. With it in his hands, the Hall of Souls would not kill his father. However, if he handed the ancient jade to the Gu clan, the Hun clan might really end up doing some heartless and crazy things upon knowing that it was hopeless.

Gu Yuan seemed to have already expected this answer. Hence, he did not reveal a different expression. All he did was helplessly nod as he said, "I had already guessed this reply."

“I’m sorry, clan head Gu Yuan.” Xiao Yan apologized.

“This suggestion was not made by me to begin with. However, the other old fellows will not easily allow you to bring such an important thing in front of the Hun clan.” Gu Yuan shook his head. He waved his hand and said, “Forget it, we will discuss this in the future. The Heavenly Tomb will open in another two days. We will discuss the matter of the ancient jade after you have come out of the Heavenly Tomb...”

Xiao Yan nodded. He was just about to reply when the rushing sound of wind suddenly appeared at the foot of the mountain. His eyes immediately followed the sound and looked over, only to see a figure swiftly rushing over. That figure was Xun Er.

“Ugh, it is really the case of a girl to end up being married off when she matures. Seeing how frantic she is, she is worried that I will do something to you...” Gu Yuan helplessly smiled when he saw Xun Er swiftly rushing over. After which, he said more to Xiao Yan, “Let’s end our conversation today. Remember the thing that you have promised me. Do not cross the line. Additionally, protect the ancient jade properly...”

After Gu Yuan’s final word sounded, his body slowly disappeared.

Xiao Yan involuntarily sighed in relief when he saw Gu Yuan’s figure disappear. Subsequently, he turned his head and glanced at the extremely beautiful figure rushing over. Her face was tense, and her pretty eyes were filled with worry. He involuntarily smiled.

“This girl...”

Chapter 1341: Opening of the Heavenly Tomb

A beautiful figure shot to the top of the green mountain with lightning speed. Within a couple of flashes, she had appeared in front of Xiao Yan. Her pretty eyes were filled with worry.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, are you alright? Earlier...”

Xiao Yan grinned and shook his head. He studied Xun Er’s tense face and said, “Ugh, that person earlier was your father, clan head Gu Yuan.”

“I knew it!” Xun Er knit her brows. Her tone faintly contained some fury. It was unexpected that even her father could not resist revealing himself after those fellows had unveiled their faces one after another.

“Ha ha, clan head Gu Yuan did not say anything to stop the two of us. He only discussed some matters related to the Xiao clan.” Xiao Yan smiled and defended Gu Yuan.

“Is it true? He didn’t talk about the matter between us?” Xun Er was slightly startled. Clearly, she felt very surprised.

Xiao Yan rubbed his nose. He suddenly approached Xun Er’s delicate ear and softly uttered a couple of sentences. Xun Er’s elegant face immediately turned bright-red when she heard his soft voice. Her pretty eyes cut Xiao Yan in a lovely and displeased manner. However, her expression had relaxed a little. Gu Yuan possessed an extremely high position within the Gu clan. If even he opposed their relationship, she would really end up in a dilemma. She was very unwilling to deal with that kind of situation.

“Let’s return first. Xiao Yan ge-ge, you already possess one of the spots to enter the Heavenly Tomb. All you need to do is wait for two days now and we will be able to enter it together.” Xun Er gently pulled Xiao Yan’s hand as she informed him with a smile.

Joy flashed across Xiao Yan’s eyes when he heard her words. He was worried that the Elders within the Gu clan would come up with reasons to prevent him from entering the Heavenly Tomb. After hearing what Xun Er

had said, it was obvious that this problem had been resolved.

“Thank you very much Xun Er...”

Xiao Yan’s hand gently rubbed her warm jade-like hand as he softly thanked her. He guessed that Xun Er had helped him again. His act of hurrying to the Gu clan today was related to this.

Xun Er hinted at a smile. She twisted her delicate and gentle waist. Her face contained a bright redness as she gently leaned on Xiao Yan’s shoulder. She shut her pretty eyes as she greedily inhaled the warm air that caused her to feel relaxed.

A warmth rose within Xiao Yan’s heart as he studied the person in his embrace. His hand gently rested on a delicate waist. At the same time, his head was buried in soft black hair. Upon inhaling a faint fragrance, it appeared as though his fatigue had gradually disappeared.

Gu Yuan’s body slowly appeared in the empty sky above. He observed the man and woman embracing each other on the mountain top and involuntarily sighed. After which, his body moved, and he once again disappeared...

“Xiao Xuan, you are still the superior one...”

All agony seemed to have been abandoned within this pleasant country scene. Two days swiftly passed amid this quiet life...

No one from the Gu clan came to disturb Xiao Yan’s group during these two days. This kind of peace and quiet was wonderful. However, this silence could not last for long. When the morning light of the third day scattered down from the sky, an unusual atmosphere began to spread over the mountain range. Even Xiao Yan’s group felt it...

“Today is the day that the Heavenly Tomb will open...”

Xun Er stood in front of the bamboo house and uttered these words to Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan grinned. Xun Er beckoned with her hand, and the snow-white single-horned beast flew out of the mountain forest. Xiao Yan’s group

quickly got onto it with a familiarity. Finally, the single-horned beast flapped both its wings and flew to the east after Xun Er gave a soft whistle.

“The Heavenly Tomb will open deep within the Gu Sacred Mountain Range. That place are a forbidden grounds of the Gu clan. No one is allowed to enter them normally. It will only open when the Heavenly Tomb is opened.”

A gentle breeze blew over the single-horned beast's back and lifted Xun Er's black hair, which extended all the way to her delicate waist. At the same time, she was explaining things to Xiao Yan's group.

“There is some danger within the Heavenly Tomb. A countless number of experts from ancient times are buried within it. Although their souls have already disappeared, the energy from when they were alive have transformed into their past appearances due to the mysteriousness of the Heavenly Tomb. This energy is filled with an extremely powerful offensive strength. Moreover, they also know their Dou Skills from when they were alive. It will be extremely difficult to deal with them...” Xun Er's expression became a little grave when she mentioned the interior of the Heavenly Tomb. She said, “Therefore, if one ends up meeting an overly powerful energy body, it is best to try and avoid it. It is rumored that some experts with extremely great strength when they were alive have produced energy bodies with some intelligence. They could even be considered a mysterious living creature...”

“A living creature that has been transformed from the dead, huh.” Xiao Yan thought aloud. The overly great strength from when these people were alive and the mysterious effects of the Heavenly Tomb were the reasons why such a strange occurrence happens.

“The Heavenly Tomb is divided into three levels. The energy bodies on the first level are mostly three star Dou Zuns or weaker. They drift around without any consciousness and are not very difficult to deal with. The second level's energy bodies are between a three and eight star Dou Zun. They are quite troublesome to deal with. As for the third level, those are genuinely at the peak of the Dou Zun class. There are even some ultimate experts who have reached the Dou Sheng class when they were alive...”

normally speaking, seldom anyone barges into the third level without absolute confidence. That place is too dangerous.” Xun Er slowly explained.

“The tomb of my ancestor, Xiao Xuan, is in the third level?” Xiao Yan asked.

“This... it is rumored that it is in the deepest part of the third level. However, seldom anyone dares to enter that place even from our Gu clan...” Xun Er helplessly replied.

“It is actually so troublesome...”

“There will definitely be a path when we get there. Let’s enter the Heavenly Tomb before discussing our plans.”

Xiao Yan felt much calmer after this thought flashed across his heart. After which, he asked Xun Er about information related to the Heavenly Tomb.

The single-horned beast gradually traveled deep into the mountain range while the two of them were chatting. Xiao Yan’s group had met some people who were hurrying to this place along the way. They were mostly experts from the other six clans and some Gu clan experts. Although they had met them, there were not many conversations. Only the clan members from the Gu clan respectfully greeted Xun Er from a distance before they swiftly left.

The flying continued for around ten minutes before the single-horned beast finally stopped by some steep mountains. At this moment, quite a number of figures had gathered here. Xiao Yan’s eyes swept over, only to see quite a number of familiar figures.

Xiao Yan’s eyes suddenly hardened as they swept across the surrounding mountains. Three black-robed figures were suspended in the empty air where his gaze froze. A dark and cold aura slowly spread from the bodies of these three.

“Hun Ya...”

Xiao Yan’s eyes narrowed when he saw these three people. The fist

under his sleeve was slowly tightened.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, be careful of the person leading those from the Hun clan. He is called Hun Ya. It is rumored that he is quite renowned among the members of the younger generation from the Hun clan, and he is extremely difficult to deal with. He is likely going to be entering the Heavenly Tomb. You should be more careful if you meet him in the Heavenly Tomb.” Xun Er whispered beside Xiao Yan’s ear.

“Aye, I have already met him...”

Xiao Yan nodded. He was naturally aware of just how strong Hun Ya was. From his guess, this person was likely as difficult to deal with as Gu Yao. Those geniuses within the clans with long history did indeed possess true strength. They were not the same level as those useless geniuses outside.

“The members from the Ling clan from the eight clans did not arrive this time around. That group to the south-east is from the Yao clan...”

“Oh? A thought passed through Xiao Yan’s heart. He glanced where Xun Er pointed and saw a couple of figures suspended in the air. There was a medicinal cauldron image on their foreheads.

A man, who was leading those from the Yao clan, sensed something when Xiao Yan’s eyes landed on this group. He tilted his head and shifted his eyes to Xiao Yan. He was briefly startled before an unfriendly smile was lifted onto his face.

Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes when he saw this gaze. It seemed that the people from the Yao clan were prejudiced against him.

“The eastern side are those from the Lei clan. Old mister Mang Tian Chi is leading them this trip. However, he will not enter the Heavenly Tomb. Most of the time, the ones who enter are members of the younger generation. After all, the Heavenly Tomb is not a bad training ground.”

Xiao Yan once again shifted his eyes. He looked to a group of people with a lightning mark on their foreheads and nodded.

“You have already met those from the Yan clan...”

“On the western side are those from the Shi clan. Due to their bloodline, their physical bodies are all extremely frightening. They could be comparable to some of the top Magical Beasts within the Magical Beast World.” Xiao Yan turned to the west. A group of grayish-white individuals stood there. An enormous rock was tattooed on their foreheads.

“These are all the people who will enter the Heavenly Tomb this time around. Other than the Gu clan, which looks after the Heavenly Tomb, the other clans only possess two spots each...” Xun Er smiled as she spoke.

Xiao Yan slowly nodded. He was just about to speak when he suddenly sensed this entire place trembling. A vast ancient aura slowly spread from empty space. Everyone present felt respect and fear surging from deep within their souls when faced with this ancient aura...

“The Heavenly Tomb is about to open...”

Xun Er softly said as she watched the sky suddenly become dark.

“Bang!”

Xun Er’s words had just sounded when a shockingly loud noise was emitted from empty space, and a ten-thousand-foot-large spatial crack spread across the sky. A cluster of silver light gradually surfaced in the middle of this spatial line. Finally, the line transformed into a thousand-foot-large spatial door with a vast ancient aura spreading from it.

“This is the Heavenly Tomb, huh...”

Xiao Yan muttered to himself as he studied the ancient door standing between the sky and earth.

Chapter 1342: Entering the Heavenly Tomb

The ancient spatial door stood between the sky and the earth. An ancient aura spread from it, causing everyone's soul to quiver...

"Everyone, should be aware of the rules regarding entering the Heavenly Tomb. Every clan has two places. There cannot be an excess number of people entering..." Elder Tong Xuan's elderly figure was suspended in the sky. His eyes looked down at the surrounding human figures as he spoke.

Everyone slightly nodded upon hearing his words. The rules of entering the Heavenly Tomb has always been like this. Each clan has two places. This has continued even now. However, only the Gu clan, being the clan that guarded the Heavenly Tomb, received preferential treatment. For example, there were five from the Gu clan who could enter the Heavenly Tomb this time around. This kind of preferential treatment made the other clans a little jealous.

"Xiao Yan ge-ge, we will be randomly separated if we enter separately. Therefore we must enter together..." Xun Er turned her head and smiled as she spoke to Xiao Yan.

"Aye." Xiao Yan nodded. He was extremely unfamiliar with the Heavenly Tomb. If he had Xun Er with him, he would be saved from many unnecessary troubles.

"Rumble!"

The ancient door that was within the spatial crack in the sky suddenly unleashed a loud rumbling sound while Xiao Yan nodded. That large door slowly opened, forming a gap. A glaring light erupted from it and lit up the land.

"If people have been properly assigned, please prepare to enter the Heavenly Tomb. Remember, all of you can only remain in the Heavenly Tomb for three years. After three years, the Heavenly Tomb will automatically expel you..." Elder Tong Xuan once again spoke in a deep

voice as he watched the ancient door slowly open.

“Three years, around half a year in the outside world...” Xiao Yan mused. This was quite a good opportunity. The Heavenly Tomb was an extremely useful training spot since the flow of time within it was strange. If Xiao Yan were to train for three years within it, his strength would definitely increase.

“Bang!”

The gap of the ancient door in the sky grew wider. It was a hundred feet in size. A dense aura from ancient times rolled out like a fog.

“Chi!”

A couple sounds of rushing wind suddenly appeared from within the mountain forest after the ancient door opened. Four figures rushed toward the sky with lightning-like speed and entered the door that had just opened in front of many eyes.

“The members of the Gu clan... Gu Zhen has also entered?” Xiao Yan was slightly surprised when he saw the four figures. The figure leading them was that strong green-clothed man, whom Xiao Yan had sensed back then. Behind that man was a silver-robed man and a man with a burly appearance. Of course, the person who caused Xiao Yan to be the most surprised was the last figure, Gu Zhen.

“Gu Yao did not choose to enter the Heavenly Tomb this time around. It seems he undertook a retreat. Therefore, the Elders got Gu Zhen to replace him.” Xun Er softly explained. “It seems that this failure has been a big blow to him.”

“If he is unable to accept this kind of failure, he will stop at this level...” Xiao Yan indifferently shook his head. When he fought with others, he would not become dispirited if he lost. The stronger the opponent, the greater his desire to win. With the state of mind of someone like Gu Yao, it would be extremely difficult if he truly wished to breakthrough to the Dou Zun class to become a Dou Sheng. Compared with Gu Zhen, Xiao Yan felt that Gu Zhen’s achievement would be even greater. Gu Zhen’s talent might not be as great as Gu Yao, but his character was the most

calm and indifferent among all the members of the younger generation whom Xiao Yan and met during these years.

This kind of character, which is as firm as a mountain, has bestowed him with an exceptionally indomitable ability to survive.

Xun Er nodded. She smiled sweetly and asked, "Shall we also get moving?"

Xiao Yan inclined his head. After which, he turned his head and looked at the Little Fairy Doctor behind him. He smiled as he said, "The time that I will spend in the Heavenly Tomb will likely be quite long. You can return to the Falling Star Pavilion first should anything happen."

"Be careful."

The Little Fairy Doctor nodded. Her voice was warm and gentle.

Xiao Yan smiled. After which, he exchanged glances with Xun Er. Their bodies moved, and they transformed into two light figures that swiftly bolted toward the large ancient door. They subsequently disappeared within the intense light from the large door. The members from the remaining clans began to move one after another after the duo disappeared. They turned into numerous rays of light that flew into the large door.

After the final figure entered the large door, an intense ripple suddenly appeared, and the door slowly became illusory in front of everyone's eyes until it disappeared...

The foggy place occasionally had some strange fire glows flashing in the distance. They would flash and disappear. A death-like silence covered this foreign land.

"Chi!"

The space within the silent land suddenly became distorted. Immediately, two figures, holding hands, slowly stepped out of the space and appeared. The Dou Qi within their bodies circulated as their eyes cautiously observed their surroundings.

“This is the Heavenly Tomb?”

Xiao Yan sighed in relief after failing to detect an unexpected situation. He curiously observed his surroundings as he asked.

“Aye.” Xun Er smiled and nodded. The others had been transported to other places. This Heavenly Tomb was extremely vast. It was difficult to say whether or not they would run into others.

“There is an extremely rich energy. It is even stronger than the Gu Realm’s energy...” Xiao Yan grabbed the foggy air in front of him. He was surprised to discover that the natural energy contained within the air was extremely dense, and its purity greatly exceeded his expectations.

Xun Er sweetly smiled. She tilted her head, looked at Xiao Yan, and asked, “Which level does Xiao Yan ge-ge wish to head to?”

“If it is possible, I wish to head to ancestor Xiao Xuan’s tomb on the third level of the Heavenly Tomb. However, that place is too dangerous. We are in no hurry now. After all, we have three years.” Xiao Yan mused for a moment before replying.

Xun Er did not appear surprised by Xiao Yan’s reply. She was aware of his character. Having come here, it was only natural that he would not give up on Xiao Xuan’s tomb.

“Let’s get moving. The Heavenly Tomb is extremely large. We should hurry to the second level first. Based on my estimations, it will take around four months or so. Due to the energy pressure within this Heavenly Tomb, we are unable to fly for long. Therefore, we must spend most of the time walking...” Xun Er spoke with a smile. Her pretty eyes landed on Xiao Yan as she said, “When we reach the entrance of the second level, Xiao Yan ge-ge might reach the peak of a five star Dou Zun. Of course, if you are lucky, it is not impossible to even reach the sixth star...”

“Oh? So quick?” Xiao Yan was startled.

Xun Er softly laughed. She turned her head, and her pretty eyes looked at the foggy air to her right. Her hand was slowly lifted before she suddenly clenched it.

Energy swiftly agglomerated when Xun Er clenched her hand. In the blink of an eye, the fog there completely scattered. An illusory body vaguely appeared in Xiao Yan's sight.

"This is... energy body?"

Xiao Yan was startled when he saw this illusory figure. He had not detected the approach of this thing.

"Aye... they can rely on the energy fog to hide themselves. They will quietly approach us and then launch an attack." Xun Er smiled and nodded. She flicked her finger and the illusory figure suddenly became distorted. A 'puff' sounded and the figure exploded. A thumb-sized cluster of light swiftly rushed to Xun Er before she grabbed it.

"This is an energy core. It stores extremely pure energy, and it is the extremely nourishing thing that I had mentioned..." Xun Er opened her hand and a rhombus-shaped thumb-sized crystal appeared in her palm. It glowed with an extremely rich energy fog.

"Normally speaking, the energy cores within the Heavenly Tomb are divided into nine grades. The energy contained within the core in my hand has only reached the second grade. It isn't considered very good. Those high grade energy cores are all in the deepest parts of the first level or the lower levels. Well, Xiao Yan ge-ge, why don't you give it a try first? Hold it in your palm and use your Qi Method to absorb it." Xun Er flicked her finger as she spoke. She shot the energy core toward Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan received the energy core and curiously played with it. After which, he did what Xun Er had said. He grabbed the energy core in his hand and circulated his Qi Method.

Following the circulation of the Flame Mantra, Xiao Yan suddenly felt a chill within his heart. He was stunned to sense wave after wave of warm pure energy surging out of the energy core like floodwater. After which, the energy surged around Xiao Yan's body. He rejoiced because he barely needed to refine this energy. All he needed to do was circulate it within his veins, and the energy was deposited in his limbs and bones. Finally, it entered his muscles, bones, and cells...

The way it seeped in caused Xiao Yan sense the gradually strengthening energy within his body.

“Hu... what a mysterious thing. It is even smoother to absorb it than ordinary medicinal pills... no wonder even the Gu clan, Hun clan, and these ultimate factions hold it in such high regards. It is such a mysterious treasure ground...”

Xiao Yan opened his hand after the final cluster of energy entered his body, and the energy core had turned into dust. An expression of surprise had surged onto his face. If it was not difficult to obtain such an energy core, it would not be impossible for him to advance to a six star Dou Zun within four months!

Xun Er smiled when she saw the shock on Xiao Yan's face. She placed her hands behind her, and her toes were pressed on the ground. Her lovely body appeared just like a butterfly as she elegantly drifted forward. A sweet clear laughter softly spread.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, let's go. Why don't we play a game? Who will be able to obtain more energy cores during these three years?”

Xiao Yan smiled, strode forward, and swiftly followed. He was very curious just how strong he would grow during these three years.

Chapter 1343: Bitter Training

Fluorescent lights drifted above the foggy land. At a glance, it appeared like the entire world was covered in a deadly silence. There was not even the slightest life force present...

This dead silence remained for an unknown period of time. Suddenly, the low and deep sound of rushing wind appeared. A low cry was mixed within it. The sound followed the fog and penetrated through it. If one's eyes were to follow the direction where the sound originated, one would be able to see two blurry figures...

Only upon closer inspection one would discover ten illusory figures around the two people. These figures had empty eye sockets floating around. Despite the absence of eyes, the speed and strength of these energy figures was not weakened even a little. A majestic energy surged when they attacked. Some of the large rocks on the ground were shattered.

“Hee, attack!”

Xiao Yan involuntarily laughed as he watched the energy bodies surrounding him. After which, he let out a loud cry.

Xiao Yan's figure rushed away almost instantly after his loud cry sounded. At the same time, a lovely figure also flashed and appeared from another spot beside Xiao Yan. A golden light was unleashed from her hand, and it smashed into the many energy bodies with lightning-like speed.

A deep explosion spread over the area. Even the dense fog had become much thinner.

This kind of explosion continued for a moment before it swiftly came to a stop. Two figures once again appeared together. They exchanged looks and laughed.

“Five pieces...” Xiao Yan opened his palm. Five thumb-sized energy cores appeared in it. They emitted a dense energy.

“Six pieces...” Xun Er also extended her white-jade-like hand. Six similar

energy cores appeared in her palm. Xun Er covered her mouth and softly laughed when she saw the difference. She said in a lovely voice, “Xiao Yan ge-ge, I have won again this time around...”

Xiao Yan helplessly shook his head. Although the strength of these energy bodies was at the two star Dou Zun class, dealing with five of them at the same time was already his limit. If there were any more of them, he would have to use a Dou Skill. If they continued to compete like this, he was unable to match Xun Er.

“Absorb the energy cores first. I will stand guard.” Xun Er placed all of the energy cores in Xiao Yan’s hand as she ordered him.

Xiao Yan took the energy cores into his hand without rejecting her. He was aware that he was extremely pressed to raise his strength. Hence, he did not utter any pointless rejections. He received the energy cores and swiftly sat down. His Qi Method was circulated and wave after wave of rich energy surged from the energy core. It appeared like a thick fog that wrapped around Xiao Yan and poured into his body like an air dragon, following his breathing.

Xun Er smiled when she saw Xiao Yan absorb the energy. She gently sat beside Xiao Yan, and her hand parted the black hair in front of her forehead. It had been nearly two months since they had entered the Heavenly Tomb. During these two months, the two of them had continued to walk through this vast land. Any energy bodies that they meet along the way would be turned into energy cores and would appear in their hands. Hence, the gains that they had obtained during these two months were quite rich, but they felt somewhat regretful since the energy bodies were not very strong. The energy cores that they had obtained only appeared to be of the second grade or third grade. These energy cores were still a little useful. When Xiao Yan absorbed more and more energy cores, their effects seemed to become a little poorer. Only now did he understand that if one absorbed too much of this energy, one’s body would form a resistance to it. However, this resistance was much weaker than what was formed against a medicinal pill.

This quiet world was extremely beneficial to train in. However, one

would have to endure a dullness that was many times greater than the outside world. Fortunately, Xiao Yan and Xun Er were accompanying each other, so the days might appear dull, but there was an additional liveliness.

“Hu...”

Xiao Yan’s absorption of the energy core did not last for long before his eyes slowly opened. He inhaled a deep breath of air, and the energy lingering around him turned into a cluster of air that was swallowed into his stomach.

“How is it?” Xun Er stretched her lazy waist after watching Xiao Yan complete the absorption. Her pretty curves were completely exposed, and her tone contained a tempting laziness.

“There has been an improvement. However, I am still away from the six star level. It seems that we must find some higher grade energy cores.” Xiao Yan frowned as he spoke.

“Ha ha, we are already approaching the middle section of the first level. The energy bodies from here on will gradually become stronger. If we are lucky, we might even be able to meet an energy body with the strength of a six star Dou Zun or higher. The energy cores within their bodies are most suitable to you.” Xun Er sweetly smiled as she explained the situation. Her enchanting smile caused the irritation that had appeared within Xiao Yan’s body to quietly disappear.

“How far is it to the second level?”

“It should take another month or so. The Heavenly Tomb has three levels. The first level is the most spacious. The subsequent two levels are a little better. However, the danger will also increase.” Xun Er replied.

“There is still another month, huh...” Xiao Yan mused. He nodded and stood up. He looked to the horizon and smiled as he said, “In that case, let’s continue to travel. I wonder what those other fellows are like now.”

“Those who can enter the Heavenly Tomb are all very strong individuals within the clan. They also understand the Heavenly Tomb quite well. Unless they end up provoking an extremely powerful existence, nothing

should happen to them. Moreover, an existence that has reached that level will rarely be found on the first level.”

“Let’s go...”

Xiao Yan nodded. After which, he waved his large hand, took a step forward, and quickly headed in the direction of the deepest part of the Heavenly Tomb. Xun Er smiled and followed close behind him. Although this world was dull, any dull place would become extremely warm when she could be with him...

The vast Heavenly Tomb was filled with a dense energy fog. Under this energy pressure, anything that flew would feel their bodies grow as heavy as a mountain. One would feel extremely exhausted after flying for a short period of time. Thus, the Heavenly Tomb appeared endless...

The world in the Heavenly Tomb was dead quiet and uninteresting. However, no mediocre person could enter this mysterious place. The people who could enter stood out from the many geniuses within their clans. Not only did they possess powerful strengths, even their characters were quite clam. Although this dullness was a little abominable to them, it was still within their ability to endure.

Under this kind of dullness, it appeared that the concept of time had become much weaker. Hence, Xiao Yan and Xun Er could not help but feel a little stunned when they saw an energy wall on the edge of their sights after they had spent four months crossing the vast Heavenly Tomb.

“Is this the entrance to the second level?”

Xiao Yan asked in a slightly surprised voice after seeing the energy light wall, which seemed to pour down from the edge of the sky.

A travel-worn feeling spread from Xiao Yan. His black hair had become a little longer, and his face seemed to have become a little thinner. However, his dark-black eyes contained a glint of flickering light.

Ever since Xiao Yan and Xun Er had entered the deepest parts of the first level, they have had to face the attacks of some powerful energy bodies. Xiao Yan was the one who had dealt with most of these attacks because

Xiao Yan could only stop Xun Er from intervening after seeing her destroy a six star Dou Zun energy body in a swift and simple manner. The first level did not pose much of a threat to her, and it would not have much of an effect on her training. However, it was different for Xiao Yan. He was only a five star Dou Zun. If he did not use any Dou Skills, he would obtain benefits from exchanging blows with those six star Dou Zun energy bodies...

Of course, this was temporary. After the number of times they fought increased, Xiao Yan had become familiar with these energy bodies. Hence, the time of the fight had been reduced from a dozen plus exchanges to less than ten exchanges. Some of the weaker six star energy bodies were dealt with by Xiao Yan within three exchanges.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, you are currently at the peak of the fifth star and will breakthrough to the sixth star level soon. I suggest you breakthrough before entering the second level. Otherwise, the Dou Qi within your body will not be stable if it is full. Moreover, the second level is more dangerous than the first. One cannot guarantee that nothing will happen if one advances one’s level there...” Xun Er looked at the enormous energy light curtain in the distance before turning her head. She smiled as she gave Xiao Yan a suggestion.

Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment after hearing her words. Finally, he nodded. After having trained for four months within the Heavenly Tomb and having swallowed thousands of energy cores, the Dou Qi within his body was at a full state. He would be able to breakthrough to the sixth star at any moment. However, one’s aura would end up unstable when advancing one’s level, and it would not be suitable to stay in such a place.

“The advancement between levels in the Dou Zun class requires too much energy. The energy that I have absorbed during these four months is something that I would not have been able to obtain in the outside world even after an entire year. This energy has barely reached the requirement to breakthrough. I wonder just what kind of frightening energy one requires to breakthrough the sixth star to the seventh star...”

Xiao Yan softly sighed in his heart. He swiftly focused his mind, turned

his head to Xun Er, and said, "In that case, I will have to ask you to guard me again..."

Xun Er smiled and nodded.

Xiao Yan swept his eyes around him when he saw her nod. His body leaped onto a large rock. After which, he swiftly sat down. He entered his training condition and a cluster Dou Qi began to gradually spread from his body. It covered the area within a hundred meter radius...

After Xiao Yan shut his eyes and attempted to breakthrough, Xun Er's toes pressed against the ground. Her body drifted onto a large rock. Her eyes were shut and the activity within a thousand-foot-radius was captured within her heart.

Following the silence of these two, the land once again became completely quiet...

After this dead silence continued for around two hours, a dark and cold wind suddenly rushed over...

Xun Er on the large rock suddenly opened her eyes when this dark and cold wind appear. Her face was ice-cold as she looked t the sky in the north. She spoke in an indifferent voice, "Since you are here, why do you need to continue hiding? Have the current members of the Hun clan become this terrible?"

"Ha ha, your are worthy of being in possession of the divine bloodline of the Gu clan. Such perception is indeed praiseworthy..."

The space in the distance fluctuated after Xun Er's cold voice sounded. Immediately, two black robed figures slowly stepped in the air and arrive. A dark and dense aura slowly spread from them.

Chapter 1344: Hun Ya, Hun Li

Two figures covered in black robes stepped through empty space. After which, they slowly landed a short distance from Xun Er. The leader raised his head, revealing a young pale-white face. It was Hun Ya from the Hun clan!

“Hun Ya, you are really bold!”

Xun Er’s eyes were icy-cold as she stared at Hun Ya and slowly yelled at him.

“Ha ha, what is there to be afraid of? Your status does not pose the slightest deterrence to me. Actually, I really wish to know just what kind of uproar would occur within the Gu clan if you, a clan member with the divine bloodline, meet with an accident.” Hun Ya laughed. His voice was filled with a dark chill.

“With your skill?” A golden flame slowly danced within Xun Er’s voice as she calmly inquired.

“I know that it would be difficult to deal with you. Therefore, my target this time around is not you but him...” Hun Ya smiled. His finger suddenly pointed toward Xiao Yan, who was breaking through with his eyes shut. He laughed in a cold voice, “Actually one month ago, I sensed the both of you through my spiritual eye. However, I did not find a good opportunity to attack. Fortunately, such an opportunity has finally arrived...”

Xun Er coldly laughed, “You can come and try!”

“As you wish.” Hun Ya smiled. A cold arc was lifted onto his pale face. “Hun Li, attack together and kill her!”

“Understood.”

The black-robed person beside Hun Ya nodded when he heard this command. He pulled off the Doupeng on his head, revealing a scar-filled face. A pair of indifferent and emotionless eyes stared at Xun Er a short distance away. There was not the slightest ripple in them because of Xun Er’s extremely beautiful appearance.

“It is likely that miss Xun Er has heard of Hun Li, right? Ha ha, quite a number of experts from the Gu clan have died to his hands during the hidden fights between the Gu clan and the Hun clan during these years. Of course, those injuries on his body were bestowed by those people.” Hun Ya smiled as he looked at Xun Er and said. “I am aware that your strength is extremely great. However, I wish to see whether you can block two eight star Dou Zuns when they are attacking together.”

Xun Er’s face was without a ripple, appearing like an old well. She did not show the slightest unusual emotion because of Hun Ya’s words. She slowly stood up from the large rock. A golden flame lingered in her eyes.

“Bang!”

That man called Hun Li stomped his foot on the ground the moment Xun Er’s eyes filled with the golden flame. His body appeared in front of Xun Er with lightning-like speed. His fist, which contained a dense cold aura, smashed toward Xun Er’s neck without any fancy moves.

Xun Er’s eyes became cold when Hun Li attacked. Her hand penetrated empty space with lightning-like speed, and she slammed into the fist just as it had been thrown forward.

“Bang!”

The fist and palm collided. A frightening wind caused the large rocks under their feet to explode with a bang. Hun Li’s body staggered two steps back. Although he was at a disadvantage, Hun Li was not furious. An abnormal smile appeared on his face. His body flashed, and he once again pounced forward in a crazy fashion. Frightening wind shook the entire area until it rapidly began to distort.

Faced with Hun Li’s ferocious attack, Xun Er’s legs suddenly displayed a mysterious footwork. She easily dodged those sharp palm winds. Each time her weak hand struck Hun Li’s body, he would violently tremble.

Hun Li appeared to be attacking in the battleground. However, his rhythm was clearly being controlled by Xun Er. It was like a furious bull on a rampage was attempting to strike a dancing butterfly. It might appear fierce, but it did not pose much threat.

Xun Er once again forced Hun Li back with a palm. Her body suddenly turned, and she clenched her hand. A golden flame turned into a fire whip that shot out from her sleeve!

Space fluctuated the moment the golden fire whip shot out. A dark-black chain that contained a dark murderous aura shot from empty space like a poisonous snake. It heavily collided with the fire whip. An ear piercing sizzling sound erupted.

“Hee hee, you are indeed worthy of being someone who possesses the divine bloodline. Your senses are this sharp...”

Hun Ya’s figure appeared at the end of the dark-black chain. He coldly laughed as he widened his mouth. A large black dragon surged out. This dragon was accompanied by a sharp deafening dragon roar. It tore through the air and ruthlessly charged toward Xun Er. If one were to observe the scene carefully, one might discover that this dark-black dragon was formed by many souls. The sharp dragon roar was emitted from many miserable screeches...

“Dirty tricks!”

Xun Er’s eyes became cold as she watched the dark-black chain rushed over. She was just about to attack when an extremely ferocious wind was suddenly transmitted from behind her. Even without turning around, she was aware that Hun Li had attacked again.

Even Xun Er ended up knitting her brows when faced with two eight star Dou Zun experts. Her toes pressed on the ground, and her body rushed into the air. After which, the seal formed by her hand changed. A dense golden flame suddenly surged from her body in all directions. It transformed into a hundred-meter-large fire hand that reached for the enormous dark-black dragon.

“Bang!”

The golden fire hand grabbed the dark-black dragon. The frightening temperature turned the souls into nothing before their miserable screech could be emitted!

“Chi!”

The sharp wind from behind her arrived after she had shattered the black soul dragon. Her hand formed a seal with lightning-like speed before smashing it behind her without even turning her head.

“Bang!”

The two collided. A frightening wind swept over the sky like a storm. The rich energy fog within a thousand-foot-radius had become thinner as a result. The visibility within the fog had become much better.

“Groan!”

A muffled moan was emitted from Hun Li’s throat when the wind swept away. His feet staggered back through empty air. That frightening and ferocious scar-filled face revealed a faint paleness on it.

Although Hun Li was forced back, Xun Er’s foot was shaken until she took half a step back. A slight numb feeling appeared within her hand. This Hun Li was clearly not a simple character. Otherwise, he would not have been able to force her back.

“Hun Ya, it looks like the two of you do not wish to leave the Gu Realm alive!” Xun Er clenched her hand. Her icy-cold eyes landed on Hun Ya as she coldly cried out.

“Hee hee, there is no need for miss Xun Er to be worried...” Hun Ya laughed in a dark voice. His eyes suddenly glanced down. Xiao Yan was seated below him. The Dou Qi fluctuation around him was becoming more intense.

“We won’t be able to kill Xun Er within a short period of time. Looks like we can only kill Xiao Yan...”

After having experienced these exchanges, Hun Ya had gained an understanding of Xun Er’s strength. He understood that even if he and Hun Li were to join hands, they could fight with Xun Er, but they would not be able to seriously injure or kill her. However, Xiao Yan was currently in a state where he was experiencing a breakthrough. If he were to successfully do so, they would end up with some trouble. Despite Xiao Yan only being a

six star Dou Zun, Hun Ya, who had watched the battle between Xiao Yan and Gu Yao back then, understood that Xiao Yan's fighting strength far exceeded his surface strength.

"Hun Li, go and kill Xiao Yan. I will stop her!"

Xun Er's expression finally changed when she heard Hun Ya's cry. Her lovely figure flashed as she swiftly rushed toward Xiao Yan. However, she had yet to get far when a whistling wind erupted behind her. Xun Er turned her head to see countless number of sharp black chains pouring toward her like a storm. Each of these chains possessed the strength to easily penetrate the defenses of an elite Dou Zun. When such a number of them had gathered together, even Xun Er could not act like she had seen nothing.

"Hun Ya, if you dare hurt him, this Heavenly Tomb shall be your final resting place!"

Xun Er could only turn her body when faced with Hun Ya's ferocious attack. A golden flame swept apart, and those chains were shattered amid some 'clang' sounds.

"This woman... what powerful strength. If it was a one-on-one fight, I am really no match for her..."

Hun Ya's expression changed as he watched the dark-black chains shatter in an instant. He turned his gaze, and a cold smile appeared on the corner of his mouth. Hun Li had swiftly rushed to the large rock where Xiao Yan was training at this moment.

Hun Li's actions were also discovered by Xun Er. A dense murderous aura surged from her eyes. Her sleeve shook and a golden long spear that contained an extremely frightening energy suddenly shot out. It ruthlessly shot at Hun Ya.

However, Hun Ya was expressionless as he faced Xun Er's ferocious attack. It appeared as though he did not sense it. His fist, which was covered in a dense cold fog, smashed toward Xiao Yan's head without any hesitation. It was as though he wanted to take Xiao Yan's life even if he ended up being seriously injured by Xun Er!

Even Xun Er's face had suddenly revealed a paleness when she saw this scene. A bone-chilling craziness erupted from deep within her eyes...

When this craziness had surged from deep within Xun Er's eyes, Xiao Yan, who was seated on the large rock, suddenly opened his eyes. The corner of his mouth was lifted into a cold smile. His right hand slammed toward Hun Li, who was within close proximity, with lightning-like speed.

“Great Heaven Creation Palm!”

The moment the palm was thrown out, a dark-black heart-chilling light sphere began to expand with lightning-like speed. At this moment, the eyes of the ferocious-looking Hun Li finally revealed an aghast expression.

Chapter 1345: Advancing to Six Star

The dark-black light sphere was like a mysterious black hole that swiftly spread from Xiao Yan's palm. Within the blink of an eye, it ruthlessly collided with Hun Li, who was in close proximity.

"What a frightening retaliation by this brat!"

A shocked expression flashed across Hun Li's eyes as he watched the black hole rapidly magnify in his eyes. Given Xiao Yan's strength, it was impossible for him to block an attack by Hun Li even after waking up. However, Hun Li did not expect this fellow to unhesitatingly unleash a powerful Dou Skill the moment he opened his eyes!

When the black hole made contact with Hun Li's body, his body emitted wave after wave of dense black fog Dou Qi. However, it did not erode him and cause his body to disappear like old ghost Zhai Xing. Clearly, the strength of Hun Li had far exceeded old ghost Zhai Xing.

"Hmph!"

Xiao Yan's eyes turned cold when he sensed the light sphere met some resistance. Dou Qi began to surge from his body in all directions before pouring into the dark-black light sphere.

"Sizzle sizzle!"

Following the pouring in of Dou Qi, Hun Ya's sleeve was shattered with a ripping sound. Dense droplets of blood seeped from his arms. These blood droplets rolled down before turning into a line that continued to fall to the ground.

Hun Li's expression changed when he sensed the frightening tearing force that was spreading from the light circle. He could sense the energy within the light sphere was becoming stronger. If this continued, he would not be able to endure and some serious injuries would occur...

"Soul Explosion!"

A brutality flashed across Hun Li's eyes when this thought appeared in his heart. A dense black fog continued to surge from his palm. Finally,

numerous powerful spiritual bodies exploded amid a wave of sharp miserable screeches. A frightening energy exploded at this moment and forcefully stopped the speed at which the black light was expending. With the help of the reaction force from the soul explosion, Hun Li's body swiftly pulled back.

"He is indeed worthy of being an expert of the Hun clan."

A grave expression flew across Xiao Yan's eyes when he saw that this fellow blocked the Great Heaven Creation Palm, but his right palm slammed into the empty air in an abrupt manner.

"Bang!"

After Xiao Yan's palm fell, the black light sphere, which had been blocked by the soul explosion, emitted a 'bang' before continuing to expand. It caught up to the rapidly withdrawing Hun Ya with lightning-like speed. The light sphere ruthlessly collided with his body.

"Grug!"

The blood and Dou Qi within Hun Li's body churned after suffering this ferocious strike. His organs appeared to have been shaken until their positions were shifted. A mouthful of fresh red blood was spat out. His body flew into the distance like a kite with its string broken.

"Since you have already attacked, you should leave your life behind!"

Xun Er was startled by this scene that had occurred within a split second. Her heart sighed in relief after seeing that Xiao Yan was alright. Her pretty eyes glanced at Hun Li, who had flown back after being injured. The murderous desire in her heart suddenly surged. With a shake of her hand, a long spear with golden flames on it penetrated empty space with lightning speed. It ruthlessly rushed toward Hun Li's head!

Xun Er was extremely vicious. At this moment, Hun Li was completely exhausted. Moreover, his body was in the air. It was impossible for him to dodge her attack. Hence, he could only watch as the golden spear ruthlessly shot toward his head.

"Bang!"

When the golden spear was about to strike Hun Li's head, a wind suddenly shot over. It heavily struck Hun Li's body. With the push from this force, Hun Li's body shifted a little. Instead of his head, his shoulder ended up receiving the attack...

"Puff!"

The golden spear ruthlessly shot into Hun Li's shoulder. Its frightening strength penetrated his shoulder. Hun Li's body flew because of the long spear. It was violently nailed into the ground. The land within a thousand feet collapsed and became half-a-meter deep...

A frightening wind spread from where the ground collapsed. A dark-black figure flashed and arrived in a ghost-like fashion. A gloominess flashed across Hun Ya's face when he saw Hun Li's blood covered body. A mouth-sized injury that revealed Hun Li's bone appeared on his shoulder. Hun Ya's hand was used as a knife as he decisively hacked down.. Fresh blood spluttered as he completely cut off Hun Li's left arm. That spot had been completely eroded by the golden flame. Hun Li would gradually have turned into ashes if he kept it.

However, Hun Li was quite tough. He clenched his teeth without making any noise when Hun Ya forcefully cut off his arm.

"Xiao Yan, consider yourselves ruthless. This debt will not be settled so easily!"

Hun Ya grabbed Hun Li, who barely had any breath left. He looked at Xiao Yan and Xun Er in a vicious manner as he spoke in a dense voice.

"You wish to leave?" Xun Er coldly laughed when she saw him. She was just about to move and stop him when a dense black fog surged out of Hun Ya's body. A countless number of ferocious-looking spiritual bodies shot out in all directions. They viciously rushed toward Xun Er. However, they ended up exploding with a 'bang' when they were still a hundred feet from her.

Countless number of souls self-destructed. That frightening air wave caused Xun Er to frown. Her body pulled back a couple of steps as she waved her hand. Golden flames swept out and incinerated the dark-black

fog. However, Hun Ya and Hun Li were nowhere to be found within the black fog.

“They are really quick to escape.”

Xun Er knit her brows. She turned her head and glanced at the energy light curtain that lead to the second level. Two figures vaguely flashed beyond that spot. After which, they entered the curtain. Those two were clearly Hun Ya and Hun Li.

Xun Er hurriedly looked at Xiao Yan after withdrawing her eyes from the energy curtain only to see that his face was a little pale. She hurried over and asked, “Xiao Yan ge-ge, are you alright?”

“It’s nothing serious. I have just broken through and the Dou Qi within my body is still unstable. Unleashing that Tian class Dou Skill has resulted in a backlash. I will be fine after I recuperate for awhile.” Xiao Yan shook his head and replied.

“We nearly fell for a trick of those two. We must take their lives the next time we meet them!” Xun Er furiously cried out.

Xiao Yan nodded. A killing intent surged within his eyes. If he had not awoken early this time around and used a Tian class Dou Skill, that sneak attack would have succeeded.

“We should be a little more careful in the future. Those fellows aren’t ordinary.” Xiao Yan quietly spoke in his heart. Since there had been no trace of anyone during this period of training, Xiao Yan’s caution had been reduced. Only now did he understand that this Heavenly Tomb was not as peaceful as he had imagined.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, you should go and recuperate. We will enter the second level after you have recovered. Hun Li was seriously injured by me. Their strength will definitely be reduced. I am confident I can kill Hun Ya if we meet again...” Xun Er spoke with a cold face. She was really furious this time around.

“Aye.”

Xiao Yan nodded. He would naturally not let the opportunity to beat a

drowning dog go to waste. Moreover, this drowning dog was the bastard, Hun Ya. He should not let him off easily.

Xiao Yan shut his eyes after uttering that word. His breathing stabilized, and the paleness on his face swiftly disappeared.

Once Xiao Yan entered his training state, Xun Er slowly stood up. With the prior incident, she no longer dared to be more than a meter away from Xiao Yan. Her face was ice-cold as the mighty Dou Qi within her body surged like floodwater. Anyone who entered the range of her senses would suffer a wild storm-like attack...

Xiao Yan's training continued for around an hour or so. After which, he slowly opened his eyes. Surging Dou Qi fluctuated within his eyes as though it was a real substance. His hand moved and numerous slight scars appeared in space. The aura of the current Xiao Yan had undoubtedly been strengthened when compared to earlier.

“Six star Dou Zun...”

Xiao Yan smiled as he sensed the ocean-like Dou Qi within his body. He could sense the soaring of his strength and the comfortable feeling brought by the increase of his level.

“The effects of four months of training has been extremely good. However, I wonder just how long it will take to breakthrough to the seventh star...”

Xiao Yan understood that the Heavenly Tomb's energy cores were great nourishment. However, it was becoming more difficult to raise one's level at the later stages of the Dou Zun class because the energy that was required to advance was so large that it was shocking. It was too difficult to reach.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, congratulations...”

Xun Er only heaved a sigh of relief within her heart when she saw Xiao Yan open his eyes. She sweetly smiled and uttered congratulatory words. With her perception, she was naturally able to sense that Xiao Yan's current strength had increased.

“This is only the sixth star. There is still a gap when I’m compared to Gu Yao and that Hun Ya...” Xiao Yan straightened his body. He heard the crackling sounds of his bones from within his body and laughed.

“They have to train for much longer than you. They can not compare to you at your age. Moreover, the two clans possess an extremely rich foundation. The way they have been groomed is something that an ordinary person cannot compare with.” Xun Er covered her mouth and softly giggled. “If Xiao Yan ge-ge trained like this since young, you might have reached the Dou Sheng class by now.”

“One cannot rely on this to reach the Dou Sheng class...”

Xiao Yan helplessly shook his head. After which, he stood up and looked to the energy light in the distance. He laughed and said, “Let’s go. It is time for us to experience how dangerous the second level of the Heavenly Tomb is...”

Xiao Yan stomped on a large rock after uttering these words. His body shot toward the light curtain. Xun Er, who was behind him, smiled and swiftly followed.

Chapter 1346: Pursue and Escape

An unusually powerful energy pressure radiates from the enormous energy curtain when one approached it...

“What a powerful energy pressure. If one does not possess sufficient strength, one would turn into dust when passing through this layer of light...” Xiao Yan paused outside of the energy curtain. His hand gently penetrated it and sensed the pressure. Finally, he cried out with some surprise.

“Aye, normally speaking, anyone whose strength is below a five star Dou Zun would not be able to enter.” Xun Er smiled as she replied. “Even the weakest energy body in the second level will possess the strength of a five star Dou Zun. Those who cannot reach this strength will be delivering themselves to death even if they can enter.”

“Just the entrance to the second level requires the strength of a five star Dou Zun. Would the entry to the third level not require a seventh or eighth star strength?” Xiao Yan frowned and asked.

“This is more or less the case.” Xun Er covered her mouth and softly laughed. “This energy pressure might be strong, but given Xiao Yan ge-ge’s strength, you should not find it to be much of a problem...”

“Let’s head to the entrance of the third level before talking more.” Xiao Yan shook his head. He studied the light curtain in front of him before extending his hand to Xun Er. He smiled and said, “Let’s go in...”

“Aye.” Xun Er gently nodded. After which, she placed her hand in Xiao Yan’s hand and allowed him to drag her along. They slowly walked into the enormous light curtain.

After the two of them gradually entered the light curtain, golden-yellow and purple-brown flames began to slowly surge from their bodies. They completely suppressed the powerful pressure that came from the light curtain.

This energy curtain was around a thousand feet long. The duo walked

for nearly ten minutes before they sensed the energy pressure slowly weaken.

“We are about to exit...”

Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes and observed the end of the energy light a short distance away. He also sighed in relief. His footsteps suddenly quickened as he pulled Xun Er and shuttled through this extremely thick light curtain.

“Hu...”

After exiting the light curtain, the energy pressure covering his body completely disappeared. Xiao Yan was just about to sigh in relief when Xun Er’s somewhat anxious voice swiftly appeared beside his ear, “Be careful!”

A chill surged in Xiao Yan’s heart after the voice entered his ear. A silver glow flashed under his feet as his body shook. An after-image appeared in the original spot.

“Bang!”

A couple of unusually sharp energy forces arrived with lightning-like speed after the after-image appeared. A wild and violent energy tore the after-image into pieces within an instant.

Xiao Yan’s figure once again appeared around ten meters behind the after-image. He frowned as he glanced around, only to see around ten energy bodies suspended in the air. Their empty yet cold eye sockets locked onto him.

“Energy body... moreover it is an energy body that possesses the strength of a five star Dou Zun..”

Xiao Yan’s frown tightened when he saw these powerful energy bodies. Ten five star Dou Zun energy bodies had gathered together. This kind of lineup had never appeared on the first level. It was unexpected that they had ended up being attacked by such a lineup the moment they entered the second level.

“There is still a bloody scent here. Someone has purposefully lured them here...” Xun Er’s body flashed and appeared beside Xiao Yan. She looked at the surrounding energy bodies before she knit her brows and spoke.

“It should be Hun Ya’s handywork...” Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes. The only people who could do this was Hun Ya’s group, whom they had seriously injured earlier.

“Can you sense the auras of those two?” Xiao Yan’s eyes were locked on the ten energy bodies around him as he asked.

“No. These two fellows are as sly as foxes. They probably fled after luring these energy bodies over...” Xun Er shook her head and replied. “Let’s first deal with these fellows first. Otherwise, the bloody scent here will lure even more energy bodies.”

“Aye, let’s finish the fight quickly. Any delay may result in an unexpected change...”

Xiao Yan’s expression was grave as he nodded. The second level was indeed filled with danger. The ten energy bodies with the strengths of five star Dou Zuns would cause even an ordinary six star Dou Zun to flee after meeting them. Fortunately, it was not very difficult to finish them off when he and Xun Er joined hands.

“Understood...”

Xun Er gently nodded. After which, she twisted her delicate body and disappeared in a strange manner. Xiao Yan stomped his foot on the ground when her body disappeared. He rushed in the other direction with lightning-like speed.

The battle continued for a short period of time. The two figures returned to each other in less than ten minutes. They looked at the messy ground around them, looked at each other, and smiled. Each of them opened their hands. Ten pigeon-sized energy cores appeared. An unusually dense energy lingered around the energy cores. The energy appeared like a fog that possessed a spirituality.

“The eastern side is where the bloody scent disappears. Hun Ya and Hun

Li probably headed that way. Based on what I know, the eastern side is also the location of the third level. What should we do?" Xun Er's pretty eyes shifted to the east. A chill flowed through her eyes.

"Let's follow them. These two must not be allowed to remain..." Xiao Yan smiled. However, his smile was exceptionally cold. These two fellows had launched a sneak attack and had even set a trap here. Xiao Yan could not possibly act as though he had not witnessed these actions.

"Since you wish to play, I shall play with you until the end!"

"The second level is far smaller than the first level. If everything proceeds smoothly, we will reach the entrance to the third level in less than half a month's time." Xun Er softly said.

"Let's go. We will split these energy cores equally and absorb them along the way."

Xiao Yan nodded. His body moved, and he transformed into a blurry figure that rushed forward. Xun Er nodded and quickly followed behind him.

Two figures, flying at the speed of light, suddenly paused far in front of Xiao Yan's group, where their sight could not reach. These two figures turned their heads and looked at the area far behind them.

"They have entered the second level. Those energy bodies have also been finished off by them..." Hun Li, who was left with a single arm, spoke in a deep voice. His face was still pale, but his aura had stabilized. There was a great number of energy bodies here. They were good at healing his injuries.

"Let's head to the third level first and ignore them. You should recuperate from your injuries during this period of time. Otherwise, we will be no match for them. If we have calculated things correctly, those fellows will arrive at the second level soon. If Xiao Yan and Xun Er gather with Gu Qing Yang and the rest, we will be no match for them..." Hun Ya frowned and spoke in a dark and cold voice.

"Moreover, reaching the third level early will help our plan. At that time,

we'll wait for all those fellows to gather and then finish all of them off at once. Hee hee, everyone knows that the Heavenly Tomb is dangerous. No one will say anything if those people die here..." A ruthless expression surfaced on Hun Ya's face as he softly spoke.

"Aye."

Hun Li nodded. The corner of his mouth was lifted into a dense expression. They had ended up suffering a loss when they had attempted to take advantage of the situation. One of his own hands was lost. Given his character, he would definitely seek revenge for this debt.

"Let's go. I want to see whether they can follow us..."

Hun Ya coldly laughed. He waved his sleeve and a black fog surged out. It entered the surrounding energy fog while his body swiftly rushed forward. Hun Li followed close behind.

"Bang bang!"

The expressionless Xiao Yan waved his hand at the surrounding space and a hot wind swept out, shattering the souls hidden within the energy fog.

"What irritating things..."

Xun Er knit her brows as she watched these spiritual bodies pounce over. The outer appearance of these spiritual bodies was not much different from an energy body. However, they were controlled by Hun Ya. Normally, these souls hid in the fog, but now as soon as Xiao Yan's group approached, they would pounce over and self-destruct. Although the force was not strong, it was extremely irritating, and Xiao Yan's group had already faced a self-destruct attack over a hundred times during this one week.

"The injuries of Hun Li are more or less healed..." Xiao Yan finished off the final spiritual body before twisting his neck. He spoke in a faint voice. Despite Hun Ya's group's miserable state from being chased, it was still possible to see scattered energy imprints revealing that Hun Li's injuries were rapidly healing.

“What have our gains been during this period of time?”

“Thirty-eight grade five energy cores, twenty-five grade six energy cores, six grade seven energy cores, one grade eight energy core...” Xun Er thought quietly for a moment before replying. Although they had been chasing Hun Ya during this period of time, they did not forget about their aim to train themselves. Any energy bodies that they met along the way turned into an energy core that appeared in their hands. Some days earlier, they had luckily met an energy body that had reached the strength of an eight star Dou Zun. Xiao Yan and Xun Er had wasted a lot of time in order to finish it off. An energy body of such strength already possessed its own intelligence. The difficulty level was naturally far from what an ordinary energy body could compare with.

“Unfortunately, we have not met any nine star Dou Zun energy bodies. With your current strength, only an energy core of such a grade is useful to you.” Xiao Yan regretfully lamented. Most of these energy cores had been absorbed by him. Xun Er had only used an extremely small portion. Although he was aware that these energy cores didn’t do much for Xun Er, he also understood that she was purposefully finding excuses to give them to him.

Xun Er smiled and softly commented, “Five more days until we can reach the third level. The tomb of the ancestor of the Xiao clan, Xiao Xuan, should be there...”

Xiao Yan slowly nodded when he heard her words. Anticipation surged within his heart. He felt a premonition that Xiao Xuan’s tomb contained some things that his ancestor had left behind for his descendants...

Chapter 1347: Nine Star Energy Body

A rich energy fog continuously seeped from the ground of this desolate quiet large land, covering this endless land...

Two figures slowly appeared at a certain spot within the vast land. Their eyes swept the somewhat messy ground around them. Their brows twitched slightly after briefly sensing the area.

“A trace of an eight star energy body... It looks like Hun Ya and Hun Li killed it. Looks like Hun Li has completely recovered. Otherwise, they would not be able to finish it off with such speed.” Xiao Yan grabbed some soil, rubbed it, and spoke in a faint voice.

“These ten plus days have been enough to allow that fellow to recover from his injuries. However, it is not possible to heal his broken arm. His fighting strength will be greatly reduced as a result...” Xun Er’s pretty eyes contained a trace of caution as they swept around her. She softly said, “If we count the days, we should be approaching the entrance to the third level...”

“Aye, those two fellows have fled for over ten days like dogs who have lost hope. I really wish to see where are will run to.” Xiao Yan stood up and coldly laughed.

Xun Er nodded.

“The high energy bodies in this place are more densely packed. Those eight star energy bodies that had been difficult to find occasionally appear now, and I am sensing an obscure energy pressure to the north-east...” Xiao Yan’s eyes shifted to the north-east as he frowned and made a comment.

“Aye, an energy body that causes even us to feel a little pressure is likely a nine star. Ha ha, Xiao Yan ge-ge, it looks like this is a big fish. Shall we attack?” Xun Er sweetly smiled with her suggestion since she also felt something similar. However, this feeling was much weaker compared to Xiao Yan. This kind of nine star energy body possessed a grade nine energy crystal within its body, alluring the two of them. After all, they had

not obtained a single grade nine energy core during this half a year inside the Heavenly Tomb.

“How can we not attack? A grade nine energy core is not something that one can find on this second level just because we want to...” Xiao Yan smiled. He looked to a spot far in front of him and said, “This time around, let’s just allow those two to escape. There will be a time when we meet them again...”

“Let’s go.”

Xiao Yan turned around and swiftly rushed in the direction of the spot where the energy pressure was coming from. Xun Er swiftly followed behind him.

The spot where the energy pressure existed was some distance away from the duo. The both of them flew at full speed for nearly twenty minutes before they gradually slowed. It was possible to see some seven star and even eight star energy bodies in this area. However, these energy bodies were all scattered around, appearing as though they were guarding something.

“A nine star energy body already possesses an intelligence. They have power over the energy bodies and are able to easily control the others. This area can be considered its territory...” Two figures hid behind a large rock. They looked at the energy bodies drifting in the energy fog in the distance as Xun Er softly explained.

Xiao Yan nodded and asked, “Are there any auras of other people around?”

“No, there is only the two of us...” Xun Er smiled as she replied.

Xiao Yan sighed in relief when he heard this. He smiled and said, “Since this is the case, we should quietly enter. The range of these energy bodies’ perception is limited. With the strength of the two of us, it should not be difficult to enter without disturbing them.”

“Aye.” Xun Er nodded.

Xiao Yan smiled when he saw her nod. His body shook and an after-

image appeared. His body quickly disappeared...

The space beside Xun Er also became slightly distorted when she saw Xiao Yan move. Amid this distortion, her lovely figure slowly became illusory.

Two gusts of wind quietly entered the energy fog. The slight fluctuation that was stirred along the way might have been sensed by the energy bodies who were moving back and forth. However, their low intelligence only allowed them to remain in their original area, but they did look around before returning to their wandering state.

A breeze swiftly entered, and after around ten minutes or so, it finally reached the center of this place and transformed into two figures.

“We have arrived...”

Xiao Yan looked in front of him after he appeared. He saw an area with many rocks all over it. A black-metal-armored figure was seated on the largest rock in front of them. A heavy and calm aura spread from its body. Within the black armor was a pair of empty eye sockets. However, if one were to carefully observe the scene, one would discover that this energy body contained an additional spirituality when compared to the others that Xiao Yan and Xun Er had met earlier.

“Nine star energy body...”

A seriousness flashed over Xiao Yan’s eyes as he observed this figure with an ancient calm aura spreading from its body. Although this energy body was much weaker than its actual self, it was still extraordinary. Moreover, this kind of nine star energy body still possessed some of the intelligence and the Dou Skills from when it was alive.

“Who are you thieves. Show yourselves!”

Xiao Yan’s duo was observing this energy body, something they had never seen before, when a glaring light suddenly erupted from its black armor. The energy body clenched its hand and a large axe half the height of a person appeared. This enormous axe furiously hacked down. An incomparably large wind tore through the air as it rushed toward Xiao Yan

and Xun Er with lightning-like speed.

“What sharp senses...”

Surprise flashed across Xiao Yan and Xun Er’s eyes when they saw this fellow discover the two of them. Their bodies swiftly moved away, dodging that enormous wind.

“Bang!”

The wind violently struck the large rock where the two of them had hid earlier after dodging. The rock was instantly blasted into dust. The sharp wind left behind a hundred-foot-long gully.

“Attack!”

Xiao Yan’s figure flashed and appeared in the air. A soft cry sounded and a silver glow began to flicker under his feet. Numerous after-images appeared in the sky. His body also appeared in front of the black-armored figure in the blink of an eye. His hand seals changed simultaneously.

“Open Mountain Seal! Sea Flipping Seal!”

Both of Xiao Yan’s hands formed a different seal. Each hand contained a seal technique as fierce attacks poured onto the black-armored figure.

“Clang clang!”

The energy handprints struck the black-armored figure and the powerful force shook the black-armored figure until it took two steps back.

“Evil fellows, you dare to offend this venerable self!”

That black-armored figure furiously roared after being forced back by Xiao Yan in the first exchange. The mountain-splitting axe in his hand suddenly began to rotate like a windmill. A frightening wind smashed toward Xiao Yan’s head.

“Clang clang clang!”

A golden flame spear was suddenly launched from behind Xiao Yan when the enormous axe was hacked down. The spear blocked the heavy-mountain-like axe.

“Bang!”

Xiao Yan laughed when Xun Er blocked the black-armored figure. He clenched his hand and a heavy ruler appeared in it. Without showing any mercy, he viciously struck it against the black-armored figure's chest. The powerful force sent the black-armored figure flying like a cannonball. Although this fellow had the strength of a nine star energy body, it was obviously no match for Xiao Yan and Xun Er. Moreover, it merely possessed some intelligence, and it was far from being able to keep up the pace with Xiao Yan, who was rich in battle experience.

“Roar!”

The black-armored energy body furiously roared. A majestic energy surged from its body and shattered the large rocks within a hundred-foot-radius. Immediately, it used mountain-shaking footsteps to charge at Xiao Yan and Xun Er.

“Let's end this battle quickly!”

Xiao Yan softly cried out as he watched the black-armored figure charge over. His body charged forward with lightning-like speed and collided head-on with the big fellow.

“Axe Splitting World!”

A vast and mighty energy continuously surged out of the black-armored body. The enormous mountain-splitting axe suddenly swelled at this moment. The enormous axe was lifted high in the air, and the surrounding space collapsed at this moment!

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, be careful!”

Xun Er's expression changed when she saw such a powerful attack. She hurriedly warned him.

“Die!”

The black-armored figure furiously roared. The heavy axe was accompanied by a frightening wind as it violently hacked toward Xiao Yan.

“Clang!”

The heavy ruler in Xiao Yan's hand hurriedly met with black-armored figure's terrifying attack. However, the heavy ruler was sent flying the moment it came into contact and Xiao Yan's body appeared to have suffered a heavy blow. His face started to pale while his body flew back like a kite with its string broken.

“Chi!”

While Xiao Yan was enduring this ferocious attack by the black-armored figure, Xun Er appeared behind it. She was holding a golden flame spear that she ruthlessly inserted into the back of the figure. A golden flame instantly spread and swallowed the black-armored figure...

Xiao Yan, who had been sent flying, revealed a smile on his face when he saw her attack. However, the smile on his face had just appeared when the ground beneath him suddenly exploded. Soil shot out and two dark-black ghost-like figures bolted out. They appeared beside Xiao Yan in an instant. A dark chilly wind ruthlessly slammed into Xiao Yan's chest.

“Hee hee, Xiao Yan, when you are chasing other people, you should remember not to get distracted by other things. It is very easy for the roles of the hunter and the hunted to reverse!”

The ferocious strike smashed into Xiao Yan's chest. The attacker raised his head and revealed a pale face. The attackers were Hun Ya and Hun Li, the two Xiao Yan and Xun Er had been chasing! At this moment, Hun Ya wore a chilly ferocious expression. Clearly, they had waited a long time for such an opportunity...

Xiao Yan's face quickly turned pale when he sensed the duo's ferocious attack. However, Hun Ya was somewhat stunned to find a strange smile form on Xiao Yan's face. It caused him to feel a little uneasy.

“I thought that the both of you were going to hide forever!”

“Bang!”

Xiao Yan's dense voice slowly appeared. His figure exploded into nothingness with a 'bang' in front of the stunned eyes of Hun Ya's duo.

“We have been tricked!”

Hun Ya and Hun Li felt their hearts sink when they saw Xiao Yan's body exploding.

Chapter 1348: Purple Sky Demon Puppet

“Leave quickly!”

Hun Ya's expression changed the moment Xiao Yan's body turned into nothing. A cry sounded, and his body immediately turned around without any hesitation and tried to rush into the distance. The dark-and-gloomy-faced Hun Li quickly followed behind. The ambush that the two of them had put in a lot of effort to place not only failed, but they had landed within a trap set by Xiao Yan's duo.

“Since you have come, why are you in such a hurry to leave?”

However, the two of them had just turned around when a figure slowly appeared behind them. Looking at that smiling face, who else could it be other than Xiao Yan.

“Get lost!”

Hun Ya's expression sank when he saw Xiao Yan blocking him. He shook his sleeve, and a thick dark-black chain shot out like a poisonous snake. It emitted the sound of whistling wind as it shot directly toward Xiao Yan's head.

Xiao Yan smiled when he saw Hun Ya attack. His foot stomped on empty air and the ground suddenly exploded. A ten-foot-large lava pillar shot toward the sky before violently colliding with the dark-black chain.

While Hun Ya and Hun Li were being blocked by Xiao Yan, Xun Er quickly retrieve that nine star energy core. Her body flashed and appeared behind Hun Ya's duo. She explained with a cold smile, “We felt that it was strange. A nine star energy body is quite rare. The both of you would not let a nine star energy body go, yet why is it that the both of you did not do anything because you guys had planned an ambush...”

Hun Ya's and Hun Li's expressions became gloomy. Their eyes were filled with a dense cold.

“You have also become tired after fleeing for nearly half a month, right?” Xiao Yan faintly laughed.

“We are indeed a little irritated. The sneak attack was merely an attempt to save our strength. Since this didn’t work, we shall just kill you...” Hun Ya’s face was dark and dense. He turned his head and said, “I will stop her. Xiao Yan will be left to you!”

“Relax, I suffered a loss last time because I was caught off-guard. This time around, I will hack off both of his arms!” Hun Ya spoke with a ferocious smile. His strength was not weaker than Gu Yao. Adding the strange techniques of the Hun clan, it should not be too difficult for him to kill Xiao Yan as long as Xiao Yan was not given the chance to unleash that extremely powerful Tian class Dou Skill or that Fire Lotus Dou Skill.

“Aye.” Hun Ya nodded. His eyes were cold as they looked at Xiao Yan. After which, he suddenly turned his body. A majestic dark-black Dou Qi surged out. His body turned into a lightning that rushed toward Xun Er.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, be careful! Give me a little time!”

Xun Er’s pretty eyes turned cold when she saw Hun Ya charging over. She let out a soft cry as a golden flame suddenly rose on her hand. She collided with Hun Ya without giving way.

Xiao Yan slowly exhaled a breath of air as he watched the two begin to fight. His eyes were calm as he observed the ferocious-looking Hun Li. Hun Li was an eight star Dou Zun class. However, he had lost an arm, and his fighting strength had weakened. On the other hand, Xiao Yan’s strength had risen by one star when he had exchanged blows with Gu Yao back then. Hence, it would likely not be easy for Hun Li to finish him off.

“Xiao Yan, you might have been able to defeat Gu Yao, but you might not be able to defeat me! I will definitely take revenge for my lost arm today!”

A cold black fog suddenly surged from Hun Li’s body after his voice sounded. Numerous dark-black chains shot out. They easily penetrated the air as they shot toward Xiao Yan from all directions.

Xiao Yan’s expression did not change when all these dark-black chains came from every direction. He flicked his ten fingers and numerous purple-brown flames, with a dense-white colour mixed in, rushed out.

They flew through the sky like fire rain and violently collided with those dark-black chains in the air. They appeared like brilliant fireworks that exploded apart.

“If it’s just an attack of such a degree, I’m afraid that you will have to take your words back...” Xiao Yan smiled and berated him as he watched the fireworks explode.

Hun Li’s face was dark and solemn. However, he ignored Xiao Yan. Both of his hands formed some unusual seals with lightning-like speed. After the formation of these seals, one could see a black swirl suddenly appear on his forehead. The swirl rotated as an unusual symbol quietly appeared between Hun Li’s brows.

“It is your blessing to get me to use the clan tattoo to finish you off!”

Hun Li’s aura suddenly soared with the appearance of this unusual clan tattoo. Dense black fog saturated his body. The fog appeared to have become solid. His empty right sleeve shook and a dark-black arm extended from his sleeve. If one were to look carefully, one would discover that the arm was covered with numerous ferocious and stern faces. This hand was formed from souls!

“Hee hee, are you surprised? This kind of clan tattoo is something that your lost Xiao clan does not have the qualification to possess!” Hun Li coldly laughed when he saw the grave expression on Xiao Yan’s face. The members from ancient clans would usually not practice a strengthening technique like the Skyfire Three Mysterious Flame because their clan tattoos were the most powerful Secret Techniques in the world!

Although these Secret Techniques would exhaust one, they would not harm their body even a little. Suffering a backlash from this Secret Technique would never happen. By being in possession of such a mysterious clan tattoo, those other Secret Techniques that relied on exhausting one’s blood or self-mutilation in order to increase one’s strength were not worth mentioning in their eyes.

Xiao Yan slightly frowned. He did not expect this clan tattoo to possess such an effect. If Gu Yao had been able to activate his clan tattoo when

fighting Xiao Yan, it would have been extremely difficult to predict the victor.

“Alright, Xiao Yan. Next, I shall let you taste what is called true despair!”

The black fog expanded while Hun Li’s ferociousness scar-covered face became even more intense. His aura had reached the peak of the eighth star of the Dou Zun class, and it even seemed to vaguely reach the ninth star. This strength had far surpassed Xiao Yan!

The black fog around Hun Li’s body suddenly exploded after his words sounded. His body disappeared in a strange manner.

“Bang!”

The moment Hun Li’s figure disappeared, Xiao Yan’s fist, which was covered by a purple flame, was smashed toward the space behind him. Threads of black fog spread out from space just before his fist could make contact, easily blocking his fist.

“What a weak attack!”

The black fog surged out. In the blink of an eye, it formed Hun Li’s figure. His eyes glanced at Xiao Yan in front of him with disdain before he spoke in an indifferent voice.

“Skyfire Three Mysterious Change! First Change! Second Change! Third Change!”

Xiao Yan inhaled a deep breath of air within his heart. He activated the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change to its limit in an instant. When the Dou Qi within Xiao Yan’s body soared this time around, he suddenly sensed a vague itchy feeling from between his brows. This kind of feeling disappeared in a flash, causing him to think that it was just a momentary illusion.

“Bang!”

The Skyfire Three Mysterious Change was unleashed. His palm twisted and escaped like a loach. At the same time, his body explosively pulled back.

“This is...”

Hun Li was stunned when Xiao Yan’s body pulled back. His eyes stared intently at the spot between Xiao Yan’s brows. When Xiao Yan had used the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change earlier, he had caught a glimpse of a strange symbol partially visible on Xiao Yan’s forehead. Being from the Hun clan, Hun Ya did not find that symbol unfamiliar because it represented the greatest enemy of the Hun clan back then. The clan tattoo of the Xiao clan!

“Earlier, that was... the clan tattoo of the Xiao clan? How is that possible? The bloodline of the Xiao clan has been wasted. How can it still possess the clan tattoo? I must have seen wrong!”

One could not blame Hun Li for acting out of sorts. A clan tattoo was something that only the eight ancient clans possessed because it was activated through the strength of the bloodline. However, the current Xiao clan’s bloodline had long since been wasted. It was impossible for them to possess something like the clan tattoo!

“Who cares whether I saw it or not. This brat has too many tricks. I should kill him before deciding anything else! Hun Ya will not be able to hold on for long. That girl from the Gu clan is really too powerful.”

Hun Li’s eyes flickered before a ferocious expression appeared. A mighty ocean-like Dou Qi erupted from his body. That frightening strength scattered the energy fog within a thousand-foot-radius.

“Xiao Yan, hand over your life!”

Dou Qi surged while Hun Li stood mightily in the sky, appearing like a demon god. His body moved, accompanied by a cluster of chilly black clouds. He shot toward Xiao Yan with lightning-like speed.

Xiao Yan slowly inhaled a breath of air as he watched Hun Li rush over. This fellow’s strength had soared after borrowing the strength of the clan tattoo. He was even a little stronger than Gu Yao. If Xiao Yan were to fight head-on, it would be an intense battle.

“It is time to test the might of this thing...”

A light flickered within Xiao Yan's eyes. A moment later, the seal formed by his hands suddenly changed!

“Bang!”

The ground below suddenly exploded when Xiao Yan's hand seal changed. The soil spluttered as a golden light immediately pooled together. Numerous golden-yellow figures stood just like statues within the deep pit. They were the Sky Demon Puppets that Xiao Yan had strengthened in the lightning pool back in the empty realm.

“Chi!”

The golden light surged and gathered on the first golden figure. The light within the first figure's body was completely withdrawn. The skin on its body turned from a dark-golden to a mysterious purple. It was possible to see golden light flowing under this purple color.

After the golden light was completely absorbed, the eyes of the purple Sky Demon Puppet were suddenly opened. A dark-golden light slowly rotated within them. Its body paused and appeared in front of Xiao Yan in the air. Those eyes were indifferent as they looked at the black cloud rushing over. A golden light quietly flowed under its skin.

Having absorbed the strength of ten Sky Demon Puppets, the strength of this Demon Puppet had already reached a frightening level!

Chapter 1349: Big Storm

The Sky Demon Puppet stood in front of Xiao Yan. Its body was a deep-purple color. One could vaguely see a golden light flowing beneath this deep-purple color. This Sky Demon Puppet was the one that Xiao Yan had personally refined. Before it had been refined within the lightning pool of the empty realm, this Sky Demon Puppet was around the strength of a four star Dou Zun. Subsequently, it had been strengthened to its limit within the empty realm lightning pool. Based on Xiao Yan's estimations, this Sky Demon Puppet's strength was comparable to a six star Dou Zun, and now it had absorbed the strength of ten other Sky Demon Puppets that had reached the Dou Zun class through a formation. Its strength had undoubtedly surpassed Xiao Yan...

“Soul Shattering Dark Palm!”

A dense black fog filled with cold air surged over from a short distance away. Black clouds began to churn as a sharp cry was suddenly emitted. Soon after, a small-mountain-sized black handprint rushed from the cloud and ruthlessly smashed toward Xiao Yan. The space where this palm passed collapsed into dark-black holes. Numerous spatial cracks began to spread from the empty space, creating a spider's web.

A grave expression flashed across Xiao Yan's eyes when he sensed the frightening pressure that descended from above his head. Hun Li, who had been strengthened by the clan tattoo, undoubtedly possessed a strength that far surpassed him. If both parties were to fight normally, Xiao Yan would only have a fifty percent chance of victory. Moreover, this fifty percent chance was quite dangerous...

After all, Xiao Yan could still go all out and fight when faced with an eight star Dou Zun. However, the current Hun Li had vaguely reached the ninth star. The gap between them had been lengthened and even a Tian class Dou Skill would have difficulty closing such a gap. With the great strength of the Hun clan, Hun Li had the chance to practice an extremely powerful Tian class Dou Skill like Gu Yao. However, this fellow would definitely not use it until a critical moment.

“It so happens that I can use this fellow to test the strength of the Sky Demon Puppet after it has been raised to its limit...”

The handprint was magnified in Xiao Yan’s dark-black eyes. He slowly exhaled a breath of air and an order was issued from his heart.

When a thought flashed through Xiao Yan’s heart, the statue-like Sky Demon Puppet in front of him slowly took a step forward. A golden light lingered within its empty hollow eyes. Its foot stepped on empty air as it transformed into a purple light that shot to the sky. After which, it violently collided with the enormous palm in an extremely shocking manner.

“Bang!”

A frightening wind swept over the sky when the two collided. An earth-shaking explosion could be heard within a thousand-foot-radius.

“Crack!”

Wind surged and dense lines began to appear on the enormous handprint. The crack lines spread before the energy handprint finally emitted a sound as it split apart.

“Thump thump!”

The Sky Demon Puppet and the handprint violently collided. The powerful force of the hand shook the puppet until it took over ten steps back through empty air. A dark-black footprint would be left in the sky each time it stepped back, but after its last step fell, its body shot forward like an arrow. This time around, it charged into the dense black fog!

“Huh?”

Hun Li exclaimed out loud when the Sky Demon Puppet charged into the black fog. All noise disappeared. A moment later, a frightening collision of fist and the whining sound of wind began to ring in the black cloud.

“Bang bang!”

Numerous unusually powerful winds shot out from the black cloud. Countless soul-screaching sounds hurriedly appeared. The black cloud

had become thinner because of this intense battle...

Xiao Yan's eyes were staring at the black cloud. A bright golden light continued to erupt from within. Even the black cloud could not completely hide it. After being strengthened, the current Sky Demon Puppet could be considered complete. With this strength, it could even fight against a nine star Dou Zun!

While a large battle had erupted within the black cloud, Xiao Yan had taken the opportunity to turn to the other battleground. Xun Er was fighting Hun Ya there. However, from the way Hun Ya was suppressed until he was at a disadvantage, Xiao Yan worry was clearly unnecessary. From the looks of it, Xun Er could kill Hun Ya if she was given enough time.

"Xun Er's strength has likely reached the ninth star of the Dou Zun class. Hun Ya's actual strength is only at the peak of the eighth star. The both of them are also members of ancient clans. There is not much of a difference in the Qi Method and Dou Skills that they practice...

"Hee. If it is possible, we should kill these two this time around. No matter how one puts it, they are experts from the younger generation of the Hun clan. Their disappearances would cause the Hun clan to feel some pain..." A cold smile flashed across Xiao Yan's eyes. He and Xun Er had chased these two for nearly a month. They had exchanged blows with them a couple of times. Each party had obtained their own victories. However, these two fellows were as cunning as foxes. They ultimately refused to meet head-on. Xiao Yan Xun Er could not give up now that they had happened upon such an opportunity.

"Bang!"

While Xiao Yan's heart was thinking of completely finishing off these two fellows, an extremely loud explosion suddenly appeared within the black cloud. A frightening rippling force swept out and tore through the chilly black cloud. A golden light and a black Dou Qi shot out. They entwined in the sky and formed brilliant fireworks...

"Bang!"

The black cloud burst apart and two figures flew out. They staggered through the air for over a hundred meters. Only then did they slowly stabilize their bodies.

Xiao Yan's eyes shot over when these two figures appeared. He narrowed his eyes. Some vague handprints were visible to the naked eye on the Sky Demon Puppet. It seemed that he had forcefully received quite a number of fierce attacks by Hun Li during the big battle earlier. Fortunately, the current Sky Demon Puppet was no longer what it was. Otherwise, its body would have ended up exploding after failing to endure the attacks.

The Sky Demon Puppet was slightly damaged, but Hun Li was clearly more miserable. Not only was his hair a mess, but his clothes had been shaken until they were in tatters. A trace of blood vaguely hung on the corner of his mouth. Hun Li had clearly suffered a big loss this time around. Within the Hun clan, Hun Li had gained a fierce reputation because of his all out fighting method. This kind of all out fighting method might be useful when facing other experts, but it did not have the slightest effect against the Sky Demon Puppet since it had no sense of pain. It only knew how to obey Xiao Yan's orders. Both parties had exchanged one punch for another. One was a puppet while the other was a physical body. No matter how one looked at it, the physical body would be the party that lost out.

"Dammit! How can this fellow possess such a powerful puppet?"

Hun Li panted through his mouth. His eyes were furious as he looked at the Sky Demon Puppet, which had withdrawn into the distance. He had not expected Xiao Yan to possess such a thing. After exchanging blows earlier, he discovered that the body of the puppet was like a tortoise shell even though he was not afraid after having used the clan tattoo. It remained indifferent no matter how he attacked. The thing that caused Hun Li to be speechless was that this thing might be able to act indifferently, but he was not able to ignore its attack. This kind of fight caused him to feel quite stifled.

"Go..."

Xiao Yan in the distance smiled as he watched Hun Li, whose expression had changed. He stretched his lazy waist and flicked his finger. The Sky Demon Puppet immediately shot forward. It ruthlessly rushed toward Hun Li. That ferocious momentum caused Hun Li's expression to turn a little green.

"How unlucky. We have ended up meeting the Heavenly Tomb's Great Storm!"

"Let's hurry and run. If the storm catches up, even an expert at the peak of the Dou Zun class will end up dying here!"

While the upper hand of the fight was gradually shifting toward Xiao Yan's group, a couple of figures shot through the air some distance away. A dense energy hurricane was whistling on the horizon behind them. It formed an extremely frightening domino effect that resulted in a large energy storm swiftly forming...

"Chi!"

Xun Er's golden flame ruthlessly smashed into Hun Ya's chest amid the intense battle in the sky. The frightening wind shook Hun Ya until he spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. He staggered over a dozen steps back. Xun Er was just about to give chase after injuring Hun Ya with a palm when her expression changed. She hurriedly raised her head and saw a brilliant line connecting the sky and the earth as it swiftly traveled from the horizon.

"This is... the Heavenly Tomb's great energy storm!"

Xun Er's eyes suddenly shrank as she looked at the frightening energy storm that saturated the air. She halted her body, tilted her head, and anxiously cried out to Xiao Yan, "Xiao Yan ge-ge, hurry up and leave!"

Xiao Yan was startled when he heard Xun Er cry. He sensed something and turned his head. He looked to the horizon and inhaled a gentle breath of cold air. Without hesitating, he swung his hand and called back the Sky Demon Puppets. After which, he moved and appeared beside Xun Er. The both of them rushed to the entrance of the third level with lightning-like speed in front of the stunned gazes of Hun Ya's duo.

“This is... energy storm?”

Hun Ya wiped off the trace of blood from the corner of his mouth. He turned his head and the corner of his mouth twitched. He no longer cared that his two nemesis had left. After exchanging glances with Hun Li, they began to dash in a miserable fashion. They might still have a chance of surviving when fighting Xiao Yan’s group, but if they were swept into the storm, they would definitely end up dying!

While the duo began to flee in a miserable manner, numerous blurry black figures in the sky behind began to appear. In an instant, the originally dead quiet land, which was void of life, began to dance with a strange liveliness. However, these people had all turned around and wildly dashed away as perspiration filled their faces...

Chapter 1350: Gather

The dead quiet land was filled with the sound of a rumbling storm. The energy storm that spread across the ground swept over from a great distance. Even the space where it passed began to crumble. Its black mass was extremely terrifying.

“What is that?” Xiao Yan followed close behind Xun Er. He sensed the frightening pressure that was being transmitted from far behind him before he asked in a somewhat solemn manner.

“The Heavenly Tomb’s Energy Storm, a kind of natural disaster here. Its strength is extremely frightening. Even someone at the peak of the Dou Zun class will end up dying if he is forcefully swept into it. When the experts from the few clans entered the Heavenly Tomb past, some of the unlucky individuals would meet this energy storm and get swept into it.” Xun Er softly replied. “It is unexpected that we are this unlucky this time around. We have actually met this thing. Normally speaking, an energy storm will only erupt once every few years...

“In any case, let’s run first. The area affected by the energy storm is extremely vast. The entire second level will be within its impact area. Therefore, we must enter the third level in order to dodge it.” Xun Er explained in a worried voice.

“Understood.”

Xiao Yan nodded. He turned his head and looked far behind him. Two figures were miserably following them. They were Hun Ya’s duo. However, Xiao Yan did not have the time to be bothered about them at this moment.

“Huh? There are others?”

Xiao Yan suddenly saw numerous black figures rushing over with lightning-like speed when his eyes swept behind them. After which, they caught one after another. Everyone swept their eyes around and were stunned.

“Ha ha, it is unexpected that brother Xiao Yan’s speed is this quick and

has long since reached this place...” The two figures were comprised of a man and a woman. They were Huo Xuan and the red-clothed lady with a veil on her face from the Yan clan. At this moment, Huo Xuan’s eyes were looking at Xiao Yan in front. His expression became one of joy as he increased his speed and laughed.

Xiao Yan also smiled when he heard this voice. He cupped his hands to Huo Xuan’s group in the distance before he smiled and said, “Brother Huo Xuan is also quite fast.”

Huo Xuan smiled. He and the red-clothed lady swiftly caught up with Xiao Yan’s group. Their eyes swept over Xiao Yan and the two of them were startled, “Brother Xiao Yan has advanced?”

“Ke ke, I was merely lucky.” Xiao Yan laughed.

Huo Xuan exchanged glances with the red-clothed lady when he saw that Xiao Yan did not deny his words. He saw some surprise in the other party’s eyes. It was unexpected that Xiao Yan’s strength had advanced after having entered the Heavenly Tomb for half a year. This speed was quite frightening.

“It seems that those two fellows from the Hun clan are behind?” Huo Xuan eyes glanced behind as he laughed.

“We have been entangled with them for a month. Unfortunately, this energy storm had spoiled our plans.” Xiao Yan grinned and replied.

Huo Xuan’s brows involuntarily twitched when he heard Xiao Yan’s words. His heart was a little shaken. He naturally understood what Xiao Yan’s nonchalant words meant. Hun Ya and Hun Li were both eight star Dou Zun experts and were extremely strong. The two of them could even fight a nine star Dou Zun if they joined hands. It was unexpected that they were unable to gain an advantage against Xiao Yan and Xun Er.

“This energy storm has swept over the entire second level of the Heavenly Tomb. The only way to avoid it is to enter the third level. We are quite close to the third level and should be able to enter it before the storm catches up if we speed up a little.” Huo Xuan smiled and said. “We might be able to take care of each other during this period of time. What

do you say, brother Xiao Yan?”

“No problem.” Xiao Yan merely grinned. He would naturally not reject Huo Xuan’s attempt to be friendly, especially at such a moment. An additional helper would mean that their chances of survival would be much greater.

The two smiled at each other after coming to an agreement. Xun Er and the red-clothed lady beside them did not interrupt their conversation. When their eyes crossed each other, they nodded slightly and shifted their gazes away.

The four of them moved closer after the discussion was over. Their eyes cautiously swept around them. After which, their bodies rushed forward with lightning-like speed.

“It is unexpected that those fellows from the Yan clan have gotten together with Xiao Yan...”

Behind them, Hun Ya was gloomy as he watched Xiao Yan’s duo get together with Huo Xuan’s group. His expression involuntarily became cold. Their current fighting strength could not compare with Xiao Yan’s duo. If they were to gain some additional helpers, the two who would be in a bad situation would be them.

“Hmph, all of you can be pleased for a little longer. None of you will be able to escape once we reach the third level!”

A brutal expression flashed across Hun Ya’s eyes. His speed once again soared. Both he and Hun Ya turned into blurry black figures that swiftly flew to the entrance of the third level.

The fleeing for one’s lid continued for nearly half a day. The speed of Xiao Yan’s group was maintained at the limit during this half a day. Hence, the exhaustion of their Dou Qi had reached a frightening level. Fortunately, the few of them still had quite a lot of energy cores remaining in their hands. Hence, they wouldn’t need to worry about exhausting their Dou Qi for a period of time.

Although their used Dou Qi was replenished, their fatigued mind’s were

causing Xiao Yan's group to feel a little tired. The energy storm in hot pursuit behind them was just like the sickle of a death god. None of them dared to slight it.

"Xiao Yan ge-ge, we are fast approaching the entrance of the third level!"

Xun Er suddenly looked into the distance as they fled with all their strength. She opened her mouth and made a comment.

Xiao Yan and Huo Xuan rejoiced when they heard her words. They carefully sensed in that direction and could indeed feel a vague energy pressure in the distance.

"Let's go. Increase our speed!"

Xiao Yan laughed out loud when he saw that the entrance was within sight. He waved his hand and his speed suddenly soared. His figure was just like a meteorite as it drew through the sky, disappearing within a couple of flashes.

Hun Ya's group behind had also sensed something when Xiao Yan's group discovered the entrance to the third level. They braced their attention, and their originally tired minds became high-spirited as they went all out to be quicker.

An enormous energy curtain poured down from the sky in the distance. It was inserted into the ground, appearing like a heavenly wall...

At this moment, four figures were seated in front of the energy light curtain. One of them raised his head a moment later. He looked into the distance and faintly said, "They have all come. Along with them... is the energy storm."

"As expected..."

A silver-robed man and a burly-looking man sighed when they heard this. The former curled his mouth and said, "Gu Zhen, aren't you a little too calm? That is the energy storm! If we were swept up by it, none of us here would survive."

"Ha ha, it is not that I am calm, but it is pointless to panic. Plus, general

Qing Yang is here. The worst scenario will likely not occur.” Gu Zhen faintly smiled as he replied.

“You...” That green-clothed man, who had his eyes shut, involuntarily smiled and opened them when he heard this. He looked into the distance and said, “The energy light has already solidified. We can only forcefully create a tunnel. However, just the four of us will not be able to perform such an undertaking. Therefore, we must wait for the others even though we have come first.

“You are afraid of being overly exhausted to the point of being unable to deal with the situation after entering the third level, right?” Gu Zhen shook his head and laughed.

The green-clothed man smiled but did not refute those words. He slowly stood up, looked into the distant sky, and said, “Xun Er and the rest have arrived...”

“Chi!”

A couple of figures surfaced in the sky soon after his words sounded. They appeared in front of this energy curtain within a couple of flashes. All of them were startled when they saw the four people seated outside.

“Gu Qing Yang? The speed of you four is really fast...” Huo Xuan looked at the four individuals. He softly commented after being briefly startled.

“Big brother Qing Yang, why have all of you not entered? The energy storm is arriving.” Xun Er also slowly landed from the sky. She knit her brows and asked.

“The light curtain has solidified and must be forcefully broken. We have been waiting for everyone...” Gu Qing Yang faintly smiled. His eyes swept over Xiao Yan and a strange expression flashed across his eyes. He turned to Xun Er and asked, “Are you alright?”

“It’s nothing. We have merely danced with those two fellows from the Hun clan for a month...” Xun Er shook her head as she answered.

“Those two dared to attack you?”

The green-clothed man frowned when he heard this. The usually calm Gu Zhen also lifted his head. There was a chill in his eyes, but the one who eventually asked her a question was that silver-robed man.

“They didn’t gain an advantage...” Xun Er smiled. She turned her head, only to see numerous rays of light rushing over. They turned into numerous figures that appeared. Their eyes looked over. These people were those who had entered the Heavenly Tomb back then. However, they were a little miserable. Hun Ya and Hun Li had remained at the back. Clearly, they were afraid that Xiao Yan’s group would attack at this moment.

“Now is not the time to fight with them. We do not have the time...” Xiao Yan whispered when he saw the appearance of the green-clothed man.

The green-clothed man did not ignore Xiao Yan’s words. He naturally understood that the most important task was to break the energy light curtain and enter the third level.

“Everyone, all of you should be aware of the situation. However, this energy light curtain that leads to the third level has solidified. We must forcefully break it in order to enter the third level. However, this undertaking cannot be completed by a single person. Hence, if everyone wishes to live, we must join hands and break it. Otherwise, we will all perish together when the storm comes...” The green-clothed man stepped forward. His eyes swept around as he spoke in a faint voice.

Everyone’s expression changed when they heard his words. They mused for a moment before slowly nodding. Those who could enter this place were no mediocre individuals. They naturally understood that there was only one path left for them, enter the third level or perish!

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Gu Qing Yang smiled after seeing everyone nod their heads. He glanced at the energy storm in the distance and said, "Since there are no objections, let us all begin. This is my suggestion, so we shall be the first to act. Everyone will take turns later on. Of course, do not blame me for speaking bluntly. If anyone wishes to be lazy or have any ill thoughts, do not blame me for being rude..."

His eyes swept over everyone when he spoke. They finally paused on Hun Ya and Hun Li, but his smiling face seemed indifferent.

"General Qing Yang can rest assured. Everyone is now in the same boat. Whoever intends to sink this boat will not be let off by the others." A man with a lightning symbol on his forehead opened his mouth to speak. He was a member of the Lei clan, one of the eight ancient clans.

"Ha ha, thank you very much..." Gu Qing Yang laughed. After which, he turned his head to Gu Zhen and the two others. "Let's act first. Xiao Yan and Xun Er, you will be the last."

Xiao Yan slightly nodded when he saw Gu Qing Yang shift his eyes to him at the end. He understood that Gu Qing Yang had placed them last to monitor Hun Ya's group.

"Alright, let's begin..."

That silver-robed man laughed. After which, he slowly walked to the light curtain with the other three. Dou Qi whistled out of their bodies like floodwater, transforming into numerous unusually large Dou Qi pillars that ruthlessly smashed into the solidified light.

"Bang!"

The offensive strength of the four of them joining hands was unusually frightening. Even though that light curtain was extremely hard, it cracked under this attack. Finally, a 'crack' sounded, and a ten-foot-large hole, about three to four meters tall, appeared.

"Bang bang bang!"

Everyone sighed in relief when they saw that the attack was effective. Immediately, Gu Qing Yang and the three others erupted again. Their hands were wrapped in their bright Dou Qi and appeared just like sharp blades as they were ruthlessly inserted into the crystal wall. Solid energy fragments continued to shoot out.

The four of them were undoubtedly just like drilling machines at this moment. Majestic Dou Qi surged and the hole that they created became deeper.

“Hu...”

This kind of tunnel opening continued for ten minutes or so. Gu Qing Yang and the three others finally halted after perspiration covered their foreheads. They turned their heads and took a look. They had already dug a ten-foot-long tunnel. Everyone had swarmed in behind them and were curiously studying the surrounding energy crystal layer.

This light curtain was over a thousand feet wide. Hence, it would require over an hour to pass through it even with the group continuously opening the tunnel. This undertaking would not be finished even after an entire week if there were only one or two people.

“General Qing Yang, allow us to continue...”

The two men from the Lei clan behind laughed when they saw Gu Qing Yang’s group coming to a stop. They naturally understood that Gu Qing Yang’s group could still continue. However, they were clearly planning to preserve some strength. It was impossible for them to allow themselves to become completely exhausted. After all, the relationship between the eight ancient clans was not as friendly as one imagined. Caution would definitely form when next to one another.

“Ha ha, in that case, we’ll trouble brother Lei Luo...” Gu Qing Yang laughed. After which, the four of them pulled back. The two members from the Lei clan strode forward. Bright lightning glows gathered on their fists. Finally, they emitted a low cry as they ruthlessly smashed forward. Rumbling sounds once again appeared in the tunnel.

“The energy storm is getting closer...”

While everyone were advancing with the opening of the tunnel, Xiao Yan, who was at the back, turned his head and looked at the entrance of the tunnel. The energy pressure that was transmitted from the outside was becoming stronger. One could vaguely hear the whistling wind that had been created by the energy storm.

“It is likely not possible to barge into the energy storm...” Xun Er smiled and comforted when she saw Xiao Yan’s eyes.

“Has the entrance to the third level always been solidified?” Xiao Yan smiled and nodded. His hand suddenly rubbed the solid energy crystal beside him. This brilliant thing had been agglomerated from an extremely frightening energy. Moreover, it was compressed to an unimaginable level. Only then did it form such a vast energy curtain.

“Aye. It is rumored that the light curtain of this place had already solidified even when our eight clans first came here. Even after a countless number of years, the solid energy here still does not show any signs of melting.” Xun Er nodded gently and replied.

Xiao Yan clicked his tongue and sighed. This Heavenly Tomb was indeed mysterious.

The tunnel became longer while Xiao Yan and Xun Er were chatting, but the two-man team from the Lei clan was unable to compete with Gu Qing Yang’s four-man group. Hence, they had opened less than a fifty foot distance when they were replaced. Fortunately, there were still many people behind. One group after another took turns to step forward, allowing the energy tunnel to grow deeper...

“Bang!”

After this tunnel creation continued for another ten minutes or so, an earth-shaking sound suddenly reverberated behind them. Everyone sensed the light curtain violently shake at this moment.

“The energy storm has swept over...”

This kind of activity caused the tunnel to immediately become quiet. Everyone’s expressions were somewhat solemn. Such a large energy

curtain was shaken by the energy storm. If they had still been outside at this moment, they would have immediately turned to dust.

“Everyone, let’s speed up...” Gu Qing Yang knit his brows before opening his mouth to incentivise everyone. Although they had avoided the energy storm, it was still overly pressuring. The surrounding brilliant energy crystals might be beautiful, but they gave one an uncomfortable feeling.

Everyone nodded slightly upon hearing his voice. Huo Xuan’s group was opening the tunnel at the front, and they increased their attacking speed.

“Hu...”

With the flow of them, Xiao Yan and Xun Er had also opened up the tunnel twice. Breaking the crystal layer was not as difficult as Xiao Yan had imagined. The crystal layers might be extremely hard, but it was not some unchewable bone to Xiao Yan, who possessed a couple of Heavenly Flames.

Hun Ya and Hun Li had also performed some hard labor while monitored by Xiao Yan’s group. However, it was obvious that they were loafing on the job. Nevertheless, there was no time to make a fuss at this moment. No matter how unpleasing Xiao Yan’s group found them to be, everything had to wait until they exited the energy tunnel.

During this period of time, Xiao Yan’s eyes paid attention to the two from the Yao clan. The ones from the Yao clan who had entered the Heavenly Tomb were the man with some mysterious lines on his clothes and the sexily-clad lady. From the aura of the both of them, they should be at the seventh star of the Dou Zun class. Their fighting strength appeared to be inferior to Hun Ya’s group on the surface. The gazes that these two people occasionally gave Xiao Yan were quite unfriendly, but Xiao Yan was too lazy to pay too much attention to them. The geniuses from the ancient clans always contained a faint superiority in their hearts. When facing an ordinary human, such a superior feeling would appear especially strong.

“Chi...”

The rumbling sound continued to appear within the tunnel. Xiao Yan shut his eyes slightly, but he had just shut his eyes when an unusual sound

was suddenly transmitted into his ear, causing him to open his eyes once again. He looked at the crystal wall to his left before touching it with his hand. He had ended up discovering a layer of faint energy liquid seeping from it.

“This is...”

Xiao Yan was startled. His eyes swept over the crystal walls on both sides, and his body paused there for a moment. After which, he flicked his finger in front of Xun Er’s uncertain eyes. Two energy pillars extended from the tip of his finger. They finally connected to the crystal walls beside them.

Xiao Yan’s unusual actions had attracted the notice of the others. All of them looked at him in surprise. Even the two who were opening the tunnel at the front had halted. Their faces were at a loss.

“Xiao Yan?” Gu Qing Yang frowned slightly and cried out.

However, Xiao Yan acted as though he did not hear Gu Qing Yang’s cry. He slowly lifted his head and looked at everyone. The blood on his face had greatly diminished as he replied in a dry voice, “The crystal wall is closing...”

The tunnel immediately became dead quiet when Xiao Yan’s voice sounded.

Gu Qing Yang’s expression had become much uglier at this moment. He created two energy pillars just like Xiao Yan. After sensing carefully, he did indeed feel a slight pressure being transmitted from the energy pillar.

“Bastard, what kind of a damn place is this?”

Everyone felt their head become numb when they saw Gu Qing Yang’s expression. Someone even involuntarily cursed.

Gu Zhen’s face was grave. He quickly walked to the side of the crystal wall and touched it with his hand. He immediately yelled in a deep voice, “There is something in the crystal wall.”

“Bang!”

Gu Zhen's words had just sounded when he ruthlessly smashed the crystal wall. A crack line formed at that spot, and a dense snow-white thing wiggled within it. A liquid-like substance seeped out before covering the surface of the crystal body. It quickly solidified and formed a layer of extremely thin substance energy...

"These things are secreting energy to repair the crystal wall."

Xiao Yan inhaled a gentle breath of cool air when he saw the worm. A chill surged within his heart as he slowly turned around. His eyes swept around him. This energy light curtain that stood between the sky and earth had... by these small snow-white insects? From the size of these small insects, if they wished to create such a large light curtain, their numbers... just how frightening were they?

They had barged into an incomparably overbearing insect nest!

While Xiao Yan's heart felt a chill, Gu Qing Yang and the rest had focused on the snow-white small insects. After which, their faces slowly turned pale-white.

"Ancient Devouring Insect..."

Chapter 1352: Collecting Remuneration

“Ancient Devouring Insects?”

Xiao Yan was startled when he heard the mutterings of Gu Qing Yang’s group.

“This is a small Magical Beast that lived during ancient times. Their bodies are extremely tiny, but they are endless in number. The ancient Devouring Insects, as their name suggests, are able to devour everything. After which, they secrete pure energy. Originally, this kind of thing should have gone extinct. It is unexpected that we have found them here...” Xun Er softly explained.

“This light curtain should have been created by these Ancient Devouring Insects... unexpectedly, we have barged into their nest. If they awaken, not even dregs would remain of us.” Gu Qing Yang’s expression was a little grave as he spoke. Finding these Ancient Devouring Insects had completely exceeded his expectation.

“It is likely not just this light curtain. It might be possible that quite a bit of energy within this Heavenly Tomb has been created by them...” Gu Zhen lowered his body, touched the ground, and slowly wondered aloud.

“Gu Qing Yang, are you planning on getting all of us killed here?” Hun Ya laughed in a dense and cold manner.

“By bringing all of you into this place, I have, at the very least, allowed you to live until now. If we did not enter, all of you would have already died in the energy storm.” Gu Qing Yang glanced indifferently at Hun Ya. After which, his eyes swept over everyone as he said in a deep voice, “Now is not the time to talk about this. The crystal walls on the two sides are slowly closing up. We must open the tunnel as soon as possible. Otherwise...”

Everyone nodded upon hearing his words. It was a little late to say anything now. There was a raging energy storm outside the tunnel. They would die if they pulled back and left. Remaining here would also lead to death. The only way to survive was to open a tunnel through!

“Everyone should cease preserving your strength from now on. Of course, I will not stop you if you wish to die...” Gu Qing Yang spoke in a deep voice. He immediately waved his hand. “Let’s begin!”

“Aye.”

Everyone nodded upon hearing his command. They quickly stepped forward, and the Dou Qi within their bodies surged out without holding back. In an instant, a loud rumbling sound appeared within the tunnel in an intense manner.

“Bang bang!”

Amid the wild and violent explosions of this group of people, the speed at which the crystal wall was being opened suddenly increased. Crystals shot out and thick layers landed on the ground.

While everyone was doing their best to open the tunnel, the crystal walls on both sides slowly began to wiggle. In the end, one could see the crystal walls on both sides slowly closing with one’s naked eye.

“There’s an increasing number of Ancient Devouring Insects gathering...”

Gu Zhen’s expression was solemn. There was an endless amount of liquid energy seeping out of the crystal walls. After which, this energy liquid rapidly solidified. If this continued, this tunnel would close before they could completely break through the crystal wall.

“It won’t do to continue like this...” Seeing this, Xiao Yan slowly shook his head and commented in a deep voice.

“There is no choice. We can only do this regardless of how ineffective it is. We will die if we stay. All we can do is go all out.” Gu Qing Yang knit his brows. He also felt a headache. It was unexpected that they would be so unlucky to meet such a troublesome thing in this place.

Xiao Yan also frowned. He cautiously looked at both walls. It was vaguely possible to see densely packed insect figures behind the crystal wall. Their numbers really caused one’s skin to feel numb.

“We must hinder the rate at which the crystal wall closes up!”

Gu Qing Yang shook his head when he heard this. “It’s useless. Any attack is swallowed by these Ancient Devouring Insect. Randomly attacking will only cause the energy that they secrete to increase.” He waved his sleeve after uttering those words. A powerful Dou Qi violently struck the crystal wall on both sides. All of them watched the Dou Qi disappear when it came into contact with the crystal wall. Wave after wave of energy liquid began to rapidly flow from the spot where the Dou Qi landed.

A frightened expression finally surged into Xiao Yan’s eyes when he witnessed this scene. These insects might be inconspicuous, but it was unexpected that they possessed such a mysterious strength after gathering together.

“These Ancient Devouring Insects are hiding behind the crystal wall. Attacking them will not be effective. Those insects will also gather in front of us...” A chill suddenly rose within Xiao Yan’s heart when he thought of this. Wouldn’t that mean they would be sealed to death in this place if that was the case?

Gu Qing Yang was slightly startled when he saw Xiao Yan’s face suddenly change. He seemed to recall something. His eyes swiftly turned to the crystal wall where he vaguely saw some tiny figures swiftly gathering.

“Bang!”

A fist that contained a powerful wind struck the crystal wall in front of them. This time around, the expected scattering of crystals did not appear. Only a half-a-foot-wide dent appeared where the fist landed. Moreover, this dent had just appeared when waves of liquid energy seeped out and quickly repaired it.

“Those Ancient Devouring Insects have run to the front!”

Everyone’s expression became ugly when they saw this unexpected change. A panic even surged into the eyes of some people. This was really a blind alley!

“Bang bang!”

Some people refused to be misled. They once again unleashed two violent attacks. However, they did not manage to cause much of an impact.

“What should we do now?”

Everyone faced each other before their eyes gathered on Gu Qing Yang. However, he was also frowning at this moment. Their hearts involuntarily sank.

“Hee, Gu Qing Yang, what a good tactic...” Hun Ya’s originally pale expression had become even paler as he spoke in a dark and sinister voice.

“I will give it a try...” Xiao Yan knit his brows as he took two steps forward.

“It is useless...” Gu Qing Yang sighed. The Ancient Devouring Insects’ devouring ability was too frightening. Even with their strength, they were unable to resolve the desperate situation in front of them.

Xiao Yan did not show any reaction to his sigh. He clenched his hand, but he did not release Dou Qi. Instead, a cluster of purple-brown Heavenly Flames with a dense white-color was summoned. The temperature within the tunnel rose with the appearance of this cluster of Heavenly Flames.

“Go.” Xiao Yan flicked his finger. The Heavenly Flame in his hand rapidly flew forward. It gently drifted and touched the crystal wall.

“Creak creak!”

A creaming sound was suddenly emitted from the energy wall when the two made contact. Everyone was stunned to see a two-foot-deep hole appeared where the flame landed. The remnant heat annihilated a countless number of Ancient Devouring Insects.

“Looks like this is not a hopeless situation. These Ancient Devouring Insects are unable to devour Heavenly Flames.”

Xiao Yan sighed in relief and laughed to everyone after seeing the effect that the Heavenly Flame obtained.

Everyone quietly sighed in relief at this moment as well. Fortunately, they were able to find hope once again.

“Xiao Yan, quickly open the tunnel!”

A joy flashed across Hun Ya’s eyes as he hurriedly urged.

Xiao Yan ignored Hun Ya. His eyes landed on the red-clothed lady from the Hun clan and the man from the Yao clan. He said, “You two, I can be in charge of opening the tunnel. However, I hope that the both of you will use your Heavenly Flames to deal with the sides and slow down the rate at which the crystal wall closes up. This job should not be difficult for the two of you.”

“The lady from the Yan clan is called Huo Zhi. She possesses the Red Lotus Ye Flame, which is ranked eighth on the Heavenly Flame Ranking. That man from the Yao clan is called Yao Xing Ji. He is called Human Medicine in the Yao clan. His alchemist level is quite extraordinary...” Xun Er, who was beside Xiao Yan, introduced them in a voice that only he could hear.

“Red Lotus Ye Flame?” Xiao Yan’s heart thumped slightly upon hearing this. He had never seen a Heavenly Flame of this rank.

Huo Zhu nodded without hesitation after hearing Xiao Yan’s words while Yao Xing Ji frowned. Nevertheless, he could only nod his head when he thought about their current situation.

“Additionally...”

Xiao Yan smiled when he saw the two of them nodding. He slowly continued, “Everyone should be aware just what kind of enormous undertaking it is to open this crystal wall. Using the Heavenly Flame is also very exhausting. I, alone will not be able to endure through it all. Hence, other than Huo Ya and Yao Xing Ji, I will require the energy cores in everyone else’s hands.”

Everyone was startled when they heard this. Gu Qing Yang’s group did not comment much as they nodded. The members from the remaining few clans did not object after hesitating for a moment. They were aware that

what Xiao Yan said was true. They still felt tired even after joining hands. Even less needed to be said now that the job would be completed by Xiao Yan alone.

“Brother Xiao Yan might be straightforward, but his words are reasonable. These are the energy cores that we have gathered during this period of time...” The two individuals from the Lei clan mused for a moment before tossing a cloth bag toward Xiao Yan. The cloth bag contained extremely dense energy. From its weight, there was likely more than a hundred energy cores.

Seeing the duo from the Lei clan take the lead, the remaining people also began to take out the bags that stored their energy cores one after another. They then tossed them to Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan smiled as took all the bags. After which, his eyes landed on Hun Ya’s duo at the back. He spoke in a faint voice, “What about you two?”

“Xiao Yan, you have already taken so many energy cores. Isn’t it enough?” Hun Ya demanded in a deep voice. His face had turned cold after seeing that he had failed to escape.

“Regardless of whether it is enough, I still wish to get a reward from you...” Xiao Yan answered with a smile. It was a whimsical thought if they were thinking of getting him to work for them without any remuneration.

Xun Er involuntarily smiled when she saw this from the side. It seemed that Xiao Yan had decided to ruthlessly grab everything from these two fellows.

“Of course, I will not force you if you are not willing. However, please turn around and walk back.”

Hun Ya and Hun Li’s faces turned green when they saw Xiao Yan show a ‘please leave’ gesture. However, they would definitely be at a disadvantage fighting here given that Xiao Yan’s group was large in number. Hence, the two of them exchanged glances and could only clench their teeth. They took out a bag with great dissatisfaction and violently tossed it at Xiao Yan.

“Take it. Quickly get to work!”

The smile on Xiao Yan’s face involuntarily became denser when he heard the furious voices of these two individuals.

Chapter 1353: Opening the Crystal Wall

The smile on Xiao Yan's face was slowly withdrawn after storing the many energy cores into his Storage Ring. His eyes were grave as he looked at the crystal wall in front of him. At this moment, one could see some wiggling insect figures embedded in the crystal wall. Wave after wave of liquid energy continued to seep out of the wall. After which, it solidified and adhered to the crystal wall...

"You two, I shall leave the sides to the both of you..." Xiao Yan turned his head and spoke to Huo Zhi and Yao Xing Ji.

Huo Zhi nodded when she heard his words. On the other hand, Yao Xing Ji merely glanced at Xiao Yan. Although he did not say anything, it was obvious that he was a little displeased in his heart that Xiao Yan was issuing orders.

"Chi!"

Yao Xing Ji withdrew his eyes. He moved his hands and a cluster of pale-black flames surfaced above his palm. A strange wind sound vaguely whistled when the flame materialized. One would feel an unusual irritation when this wind sound was transmitted into one's ears. It was as though this kind of unusual sound could stir one's emotions.

"This is..."

All the eyes present slide over when they saw the pale-black Heavenly Flame in Yao Xing Ji's hands. Their eyes were a little surprised. Something like a Heavenly Flame was far too rare. Even though they were members of the ancient clans, they could not simply see them just because they wanted to.

"Nine Serene Wind Flame, ranked tenth on the Heavenly Flame Ranking..." The corner of Yao Xing Ji's mouth was involuntarily lifted when he saw everyone's surprised eyes. He smiled faintly and introduced the flame.

"Nine Serene Wind Flame..."

Xiao Yan's eyes also paused on this black flame. Being an alchemist, he had naturally heard of this thing. All Heavenly Flames formed in an extremely bizarre. An example was the Three Thousand Burning Flame, which was formed within the empty realm. This Nine Serene Wind Flame, on the other hand, was born from an endlessly deep abyss. Dark wind never ceased blowing all year round in that place. Even an ordinary elite Dou Zun would not dare to venture into it. This so-called Nine Serene Wind Flame was formed with the intense wind.

One would not only require luck to obtain this Nine Serene Wind Flame. There was still a need to possess an extremely powerful strength. Based on Xiao Yan's guess, the price that the Yao clan had to pay to obtain this Heavenly Flame was not small.

"Puff!"

A slight noise suddenly appeared when everyone's eyes had gathered on the Nine Serene Wind Flame on Yao Xing Ji's hand. A deep-red color slowly glowed within the crystal tunnel. Many eyes looked in the direction of the light, only to see a cluster of deep-red bewitching flames slowly rising on a hand. The flame had formed numerous red lotus shapes.

Following the appearance of this deep-red flame, the Nine Serene Wind Flame on Yao Xing Ji's hand became a little dimmer. Even the whistling wind had been greatly diminished. Yao Xing Ji's face involuntarily twitched when he saw his own Heavenly Flame acting like this. Although he felt a little displeased, he could do nothing about it. The Red Lotus Ye Flame was ranked two places higher than his Nine Serene Wind Flame. There was naturally a gap between the two of them.

"Tsk tsk, I think that this should be the Yan clan's Red Lotus Ye Flame, right?" Gu Qing Yang looked at the Heavenly Flame in Huo Zhi's hand. He could not help but smile and ask a clarifying question.

"Aye." Huo Ya tilted her head, but her pretty eyes shifted to Xiao Yan. Her eyes contained a strange feeling.

Xiao Yan involuntarily smiled when he saw Huo Zhi's provoking eyes. This lady usually kept very quiet. However, it was unexpected that she

would appear this wild when it came to something related to the Heavenly Flames.

After exhaling gently, Xiao Yan gently clenched his hand. Threads of different colored flames seeped from his finger. They gathered together and turned into a cluster of purple-brown flames with a strand of a dense whiteness in it. The flame churned and numerous dragon fire seedlings continued to rise from within the flame. There was a vague dragon roar being emitted!

“Roar!”

The red lotuses above the Red Lotus Ye Flame on Huo Zhi’s hand began to fluctuate when the Heavenly Flame in Xiao Yan’s hand appeared. It felt as though it had become illusory. On the other side, the Nine Serene Wind Flame on Yao Xing Ji’s hand, which had already become somewhat dim after being suppressed by the Red Lotus Ye Flame, had become even dimmer. Even the whistling wind being emitted from it had completely disappeared.

“Although your Heavenly Flame’s ranking is not ranked among the top, your Heavenly Flame is comparable to that of the top six Heavenly Flames after your merger... however, you are likely the first since ancient times to perform the crazy act of merging Heavenly Flames...” Huo Ya’s pretty eyes revealed a fluctuation within them. A low and enchanting voice was emitted from under her veil.

Xiao Yan was noncommittal toward these words. Merging Heavenly Flames might appear crazy, but it was not impossible. These words spoken as if he was the first to merge Heavenly Flames were likely untrue. At the very least, the owner who created the mysterious Qi Method called the Flame Mantra had merged Heavenly Flames...

“Alright, we are pressed for time. Let’s act now...”

Xiao Yan did not have time to discuss the matter of merging Heavenly Flames with Huo Zhi. After seeing that the other two had summoned their Heavenly Flames, Xiao Yan took a couple of steps forward and stopped in front of the crystal wall. He spoke in a deep voice, “Everyone should follow

close. Do not get left behind!”

The Heavenly Flame in Xiao Yan’s hand suddenly soared when his voice appeared. It began to fiercely burn as a deafening dragon roared. A purple-brown dragon rushed out of the flame. It ruthlessly collided with the thick crystal wall. Sharp dragon claws danced as the crystal wall burst apart, forming a large hole.

“Follow me!”

The tail of the fire dragon was connected to Xiao Yan’s hand. He sternly cried out and violently stomped his foot on the ground. His body swiftly charged forward. Gu Qing Yang and the rest followed close behind him!

“What great flame control ability...”

Surprise flashed across Huo Zhi’s pretty eyes when she saw Xiao Yan transform the flame into a fire dragon which began to open the crystal walls. She swiftly followed, and the deep-red flame in her hand swept out at the same time and covered the crystal wall to the left. Its frighteningly high temperature quickly slowed the speed of the closing crystal wall.

Yao Xing Ji on the other side had also begun to work. Although he was a little displeased that Xiao Yan was in command, the most important thing now was his life. He could be at odds with everyone, but he could not be at odds with his own life. Hence, he had also put in all his effort when he acted.

The fire dragon whistled and rushed forward within the crystal wall. The frightening temperature had completely incinerated the Ancient Devouring Insects hidden in the wall from some distance away. Despite this being the case, the Ancient Devouring Insects continued to surge over like moths attracted to a flame. The enormous energy that seeped out also pose quite a great obstruction to Xiao Yan.

“Bang bang bang!”

Explosions continued to be heard within the crystal wall. The advancement speed of Xiao Yan’s group had become much faster.

“This kind of exhaustion is really too frightening...”

While his body was swiftly advancing, Xiao Yan also sensed the Dou Qi within his body seeping out like floodwater. His eyes had become much more solemn as he clenched his hand. A bag appeared in it. However, he did not take anything out. Instead, he grabbed the bag, circulated his Qi Method and swiftly absorbed the energy within the energy cores. After which, he poured it into the body of the fire dragon in front, which was doing its best to open the crystal wall.

“How much further is it?” The expressions of Gu Qing Yang and the rest behind had become grave when they saw Xiao Yan devouring energy cores like a whale devouring plankton. The crystal wall was extremely hard, and the Ancient Devouring Insects were blocking him. Even though Xiao Yan possessed a Heavenly Flame, it was still not as easy as he had imagined.

“It will take another half an hour or so before we will break through the light curtain.” That silver-robed man mused.

Gu Qing Yang slightly nodded. All he could do was hope that Xiao Yan could endure...

Ferocious explosions occurred along the way. The rumbling sound did not cease, and the atmosphere of the tunnel was quite tense. Their hearts would involuntarily pound each time they saw Xiao Yan absorb the energy cores one bag at a time. This kind of exhaustion was really too frightening.

“Bang!”

The fire dragon whistled and heavily collided with the crystal wall. Crystals shot in all directions as Xiao Yan’s feet slowed. He spoke in a deep voice, “There is no more energy cores...”

The faces of quite a number of people twitched when they heard his words. Gu Qing Yang mused for a moment and swiftly took out a bright energy core. He handed it to Xiao Yan, “This is a nine star energy core. I only have one...”

“It’s not enough!”

Xiao Yan received it without any hesitation, but he still shook his head. Ten percent of the Dou Qi within his body was exhausted every meter they

advanced. A nine star energy core might be powerful, but it was still not enough to support them through the light curtain.

“I also have one here...” Huo Xuan hesitated for a moment before taking out another nine star energy core.

“Give me another three of them!” Xiao Yan exhaled and called on everyone.

Everyone became quiet when they heard his words. After all, a nine star energy core was a precious thing.

“Ugh, if we end up dying here, possessing many energy cores will be pointless.” That man from the Lei clan sighed. He flicked his finger and an energy core shot into Xiao Yan’s hand.

“In that case, I will trouble brother Xiao Yan...” The two large men from the Shi clan faced each other before swiftly handing an energy core to Xiao Yan.

Everyone’s eyes involuntarily landed upon the Hun Ya duo at the back after the Shi clan handed over their energy core. Hun Ya’s eyelids twitched when he saw their gazes. At this moment, he also understood that his words were useless. All he could do was clench his teeth, take out an energy core, and toss it to Xiao Yan. In order to obtain this nine star energy core, Hun Li and him had put in a lot of effort for a prolonged period of time. It was unexpected that they would now have to hand it to a person that they did not see eye-to-eye with.

Xiao Yan held the five nine star energy cores in his hand and slowly sighed. A punch was thrown out. The fire glow on the fire dragon in front of him suddenly soared. It transformed into a fire figure that instantly penetrated through layer after layer of wall like a thunderbolt. Xiao Yan’s group swiftly followed it from behind.

This kind of all out forward charge continued for nearly half an hour. The fire glow in the fire dragon finally began to gradually dim.

“We are about to exit...”

Xiao Yan gave a low cry as he observed the dimming fire dragon. He

lifted his head and looked at the emerald-like crystal wall in front of him. Densely packed Ancient Devouring Insects had covered their trail. Only by charging forward would they be able to truly enter the third level of the Heavenly Tomb.

“Huh? This is?”

Xiao Yan’s eyes drifted just as the fire dragon was about to violently collide with the emerald wall. They focused on something in the middle of that crystal wall. There was a fist-sized creature emitting a pale-red light at that spot. Looking from a distance, it appeared just like an insect cocoon!

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Xiao Yan's eyes swept over the thing that appeared like an insect before swiftly withdrawing them. The current him did not have much time to waste!

"The crystal wall here seems to be exceptionally hard. Even its color is even denser than what we have seen before..."

Xiao Yan's eyes revealed an expression of deep thought. He immediately inhaled a deep breath of air. After taking a step forward, his body merged with the fire dragon. He swung his right fist and a hot whistle buzzed within the tunnel in an ear-piercing manner.

"Bang!"

Xiao Yan's right fist swiftly merged with the fire dragon. After which, it was suddenly thrown forward and ruthlessly smashed into the emerald wall. A low and deep explosion suddenly resounded as intense rippling forces began to swiftly spread from Xiao Yan's fist, causing the tunnel to shake...

"Crack!"

A tiny crack line began to explode in the crystal wall in front of everyone's anxious eyes. This crack line began to rapidly spread. Finally, it emitted a 'bang' in front of everyone's joyous eyes and exploded.

Xiao Yan's hand suddenly grabbed at the crystal chips flying in all directions when the crystal wall burst apart. A warm jade-like thing landed in his hand. At this moment, Xiao Yan did not pay too much attention to it. He put it into his Storage Ring.

"Let's go!"

Xiao Yan's feet stomped on the ground after shattering the last crystal wall. His body took the lead to rush forward. Behind him, Gu Qing Yang and the rest, who had already prepared, followed close behind as they charged towards the enormous hole that Xiao Yan had created...

Xiao Yan was extremely quick. Within the blink of an eye, he had

already charged out of the tunnel. After which, an endless gray land appeared in his sight...

This land was extremely vast. One could not see a boundary at a glance. There was also not a dense energy fog lingering over the ground. When Xiao Yan's group stood here, they were able to sense wave after wave of pure energy seeping into their bodies from under their feet. This kind of discovery caused everyone to feel stunned. A joy that could not be hidden quickly surged onto their faces. The third level of the Heavenly Tomb was indeed far from what the previous two levels could compare with. With this kind of energy pouring in, it was likely that they would be able to obtain a good training effect even if they did not go and search for energy cores.

"Is this the third level of the Heavenly Tomb..."

The group had a joyous face as they looked around them. The feeling of having been reborn after a disaster caused everyone's heart to sigh in relief.

"Buzz buzz!"

While everyone was sighing in relief, the enormous light curtain behind, which seemed to be connected to the horizon, suddenly emitted an intense buzzing sound. This scene caused Xiao Yan's group to feel shocked. Their bodies began to rapidly pull back.

"Buzz buzz!"

While Xiao Yan's group was pulling back, wave after wave of a snow-white torrent rushed over to them with lightning-like speed. The wave was accompanied by a loud buzzing sound.

"Ancient Devouring Insects! They have come chasing after us!"

The expressions of Gu Qing Yang and the rest immediately changed when they saw this wave. Their bodies began to hurriedly withdraw.

"Buzz buzz!"

The white torrent surged out in all directions. However, the flying bodies

of Ancient Devouring Insects came to a sudden halt soon after they had charged out of the energy wall. A puff could be heard as they turned into a cluster of white powder that scattered in front of everyone's stunned eyes.

"Puff puff puff!"

After one minute, a continuous stream of Ancient Devouring Insects began to charge out of the tunnel without being afraid of death. However, they were repelled by a mysterious strength when they charged ten feet away from the light curtain. Suddenly, they burst into white powder. In the end, the powder accumulated in front of the energy wall until it was a couple of meters high...

"These Ancient Devouring Insects... what are they doing?" Everyone was stunned as they watched these Ancient Devouring Insects continuously charge out despite clearly knowing that only death waited for them. All of them began to frown.

"Could it be that they do not wish for us to escape?" A person bitterly laughed and gave a suggestion.

"They would not go all out if their intention was to not allow us to escape. They are committing suicide, and it is a pointless suicide..." Gu Qing Yang shook his head and spoke with knit brows.

A thought passed through Xiao Yan's heart while everyone was pondering what was happening with some doubt. His finger rubbed his Storage Ring without anyone noticing. Could it be related to the thing that he had grabbed from the crystal wall?

"Buzz buzz!"

The Ancient Devouring Insect's suicidal charge continued for nearly ten minutes. The white powder covered the energy wall in a thick layer. However, it was fortunate that this kind of suicide did not continue on. After a countless number of Ancient Devouring Insects had been turned to dust, the charging speed finally slowed before completely disappearing. Clearly, this useless suicide had finally caused them to give up.

"Let's go..."

Gu Qing Yang shook his head and spoke after seeing these Ancient Devouring Insects shrink back into the crystal wall.

Xiao Yan also recovered when he heard his words. Suddenly, he turned his head and swept it around. Then he began to frown because he had discovered that Hun Ya's group had already fled while everyone was stunned by the wild suicide of the Ancient Devouring Insects earlier.

"Those two fellows are really cunning..."

Xun Er had also discovered that the two people had disappeared. She bunched up her brows and commented.

"Ha ha, brother Xiao Yan, it is all thanks to you this time around. Since we have reached the third level, the two of us shall not continue to stand here for long. We will find a place to train. After which, we will quietly wait for three years to be up..." Huo Xuan cupped his hands to Xiao Yan and spoke with a smile.

Xiao Yan also grinned and nodded. He cupped his hands in return and said, "In that case, I wish brother Huo Xuan a peaceful journey."

"Goodbye. See you when three years are up." Huo Xuan laughed. After which, he led Huo Zhi into the distance.

After Hou Xuan, the Shi clan, and the Lei clan said their goodbyes and left. Yao Xing Ji merely glanced at Xiao Yan before flinging his sleeves and leading that bewitching lady from the Yao clan away without saying any polite words.

Within a short couple of minutes, this place had become empty after many people left. Only Xiao Yan's group still remained.

"Xun Er, where are the both of you going?" Gu Qing Yang looked at the two, mused for a moment, and finally asked about their plans.

"Is big brother Qing Yang still not aware of where we are going?" Xun Er faintly smiled and replied.

Gu Qing Yang helplessly shook his head when he heard this. He looked at Xiao Yan and said, "You really intend to visit Xiao Xuan's tomb. That

place is in the deepest regions of the Heavenly Tomb. It is extremely easy to find eight or nine star energy bodies there. It is still fine if you meet one or two of them. If there are too many, it will be extremely dangerous. Moreover... there might even be Dou Sheng class energy bodies in the deepest regions. You might really end up dying if you meet them.”

Xiao Yan nodded and said, “I know...”

Gu Qing Yang felt somewhat helpless when he saw that Xiao Yan had no intention of giving up. He hesitated for a moment before turning his head to look at the silver-robed man, Gu Zhen, and that burly man. He inquired, “What plans do all of you have? Are you going to randomly find a place and train for three years?”

“Do you think that is possible? Before we entered the Heavenly Tomb, I was informed by Elder Tong Xuan to protect Xun Er. I think that I am likely not the only one who has received such an instruction.” Gu Zhen lifted his head and smiled as he replied.

“Me too...” The silver-robed man shrugged his shoulder. After which, he looked at Xiao Yan and laughed, “I have not been able to introduce myself. I am Gu Hua, the second general of the Black Submerged Army. In the past, I had been unaware of why Xun Er had chosen you. Now that I look at it, I have perhaps obtained some answers...”

“I have also received that order...” The burly-looking man, who appeared a little simple and honest, laughed, “Gu Xing, third commander of the Black Submerged Army. We have you to thank for back there...”

Xiao Yan smiled and cupped his hands together. Gu Qing Yang and the other two generals were not filled with enmity, especially after the events within the light curtain. They were clearly a little friendlier to him. Hence, Xiao Yan did not treat the three of them in a cold and indifferent manner.

“Looks like this is the case for everyone...” Gu Qing Yang spread his hands and laughed, “Since this is the case, let’s travel together. With the few of us joining hands, nothing unexpected should happen as long as we do not meet any Dou Sheng class energy bodies. Whether you will be able to enter Xiao Xuan’s tomb, will all depend on you. The experts from our

Gu clan once reached that place. However, we do not have a way in. No matter what method we tried, we were unable to enter... therefore, you should be mentally prepared. Perhaps your ancestor does not want anyone to enter and disturb him.”

Xiao Yan slightly grinned. He nodded and said, “My instincts tell me that I will likely gain something there.”

“Hopefully...”

Gu Qing Yang was unconcerned. He lifted his head and glanced over the grayish-brown land. After which, he exhaled and smiled as he said, “In that case, we should get moving. I really wish to see just how frightening the third level of the Heavenly Tomb is!”

“Aye, let’s get moving...”

Xiao Yan also laughed. After which, he exchanged glances with Xun Er. Subsequently, their toes pressed on the ground and their figures turned into two rays of light that took the lead as they swiftly rushed to the third level. Gu Qing Yang and the three others swiftly followed behind...

Two black figures slowly appeared a great distance from Xiao Yan’s group. They were Hun Ya and Hun Li, who had fled long ago.

“Gu Qing Yang’s group has joined Xiao Yan and Xun Er...” Hun Li turned his head, looked into the distance, and made a comment.

“Together, huh... it’s just as well. It will save us some trouble when the time comes...” Hun Ya indifferently nodded. A brutal expression flashed across his lowered eyes.

“Xiao Yan, the next time we meet, will be the time when we take your life. Just you wait!”

Chapter 1355: Ban Sheng Energy Body

A faint energy fog slowly drifted with the breeze above a desolate grayish-brown land. The hazy world caused one to feel an additional mysteriousness. It appeared that even the concept of time was lost to this quiet world.

A couple of figures were seated around a bonfire at a certain spot within this land. The flame lit up the faces of the few of them. They were Xiao Yan and Xun Er's group. However, they appeared to be even closer at this moment than in the past.

"If I have guessed correctly, we should be reaching the deepest parts of the third region. If we are still going to travel tomorrow, all of us should be a little more careful. The deepest parts of the third level are the most dangerous place within the Heavenly Tomb." Gu Qing Yang lifted his head, glanced at the dim region around them, and spoke with a smile.

"We have not meet anyone else during these three months. It looks like they have found spots to quietly train..." Xun Er softly commented.

Xiao Yan slowly nodded. Three months had passed since they had entered the third level. During these three months, their group had been hurrying to the deepest parts of the Heavenly Tomb. However, due to some powerful energy bodies blocking them along the way, they were finding it difficult to travel. Fortunately, the few of them had successfully charged in after joining hands.

"Ugh, this Heavenly Tomb is indeed not as simple as I had imagined. The last time, I had nearly lost my life..." Gu Hua randomly tossed the tree branch beside him into the pile of fire and helplessly lamented. There was a scar on his face. It was left behind when their group had met with a group of energy bodies with an average strength of eight stars. That battle was miserable to the point of exceeding everyone's expectations. Fortunately, no deaths had occurred despite them suffering some injuries.

"Further in will be even more troublesome than what we have meet with before. Therefore, everyone should be mentally prepared." Gu Zhen

grinned as he spoke.

“Allow me to continue the remaining journey...” Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment before speaking. Even with the six of them joining hands, it was quite difficult for them to survive. If they were to enter the deepest regions, there was no telling just what kind of trouble they would end up meeting. After this period of living together with Gu Qing Yang’s group, Xiao Yan had formed a good impression of them. He did not want an accident to occur to them because of him.

“You should tell Xun Er these words...” Gu Qing Yang smiled and replied.

“We have already come this far, so let’s not say such disheartening words... as long as we are careful, there will likely not be any problems.” Xun Er’s pretty eyes stared at Xiao Yan as she gently responded.

“Hopefully...”

Xiao Yan could only bitterly smile and nod his head when he heard her reply. After which, he lifted his eyes and looked into the grayish dark distance. The far end was where his target was located. It appeared as though he could sense the blood within his body flowing at a much faster rate.

“A north direction. There are traces of four energy bodies present there. Three of them are around that of eight star Dou Zuns while one is at the ninth star...” Xiao Yan’s shut eyes were slowly opened while he was behind a large rock. After which, he softly uttered this information to the group beside him.

They had formally entered the deepest parts of the Heavenly Tomb. The six of them had involuntarily become cautious despite their strength. They carefully picked their paths as they traveled. Even when they met energy bodies they could easily deal with, they would deliberate before attacking. After all, the energy bodies in were too frightening. No one knew if they would end up attracting even more powerful energy bodies once a fight begun. At that time, the energy bodies would surround them. The price they would have to pay was no longer just some injuries.

“Gu Hua and Gu Zhen have already gone out to investigate. They should be returning soon...” Gu Qing Yang nodded and replied.

“Chi!”

Gu Qing Yang’s words had just sounded when two black figures adhered to the ground. They used the enormous stone and the shadows of some trees as cover before swiftly appearing beside Xiao Yan’s group. They were Gu Hua and Gu Zhen, who had gone out to investigate.

“There are traces of activities by quite a number of energy bodies to the south and west, and we have also sensed some extremely powerful pressures. We cannot take these two routes.” Gu Zhen and Gu Hua slowly sighed in relief before speaking.

“In that case, we can only head to the north-west...” Xiao Yan frowned as he replied.

“The western direction also possesses an extremely powerful pressure. This pressure has surpassed that of an ordinary nine star Dou Zun. However, there is still a gap to the Dou Sheng level...” Xun Er suddenly whispered at this moment.

Xiao Yan’s group became quiet after hearing her words, stronger than a nine star Dou Zun while weaker than an elite Dou Sheng. It seemed... it should be at the Ban Sheng class. This was also an extremely troublesome existence.

They were aware that the Ban Sheng energy bodies would possess many energy bodies guarding it. The Ban Sheng that they had met this time around only had four energy bodies around it. This was considered quite a small number.

“What should we do? None of the three directions are easy to charge through. However, the north direction is a little easier. There are fewer energy bodies in that direction. It will not be easy to attract other energy bodies even if we end up fighting. If it is the other two areas, we will likely end up being surrounded once a battle erupts...” Gu Hua surmised the situation.

Xiao Yan revealed an expression of contemplation. He exchanged glances with Gu Qing Yang, and his eyes shifted to the north-west. Their only option now was to take this route...

“Let’s get moving. Try to be careful. Do not disturb the Ban Sheng class energy body. Although the Ban Sheng energy core is extremely alluring, we cannot lose our lives because of it...” Gu Qing Yang softly sighed.

“Aye.”

Xiao Yan also slowly nodded. After which, he exchanged looks with Xun Er. His body moved, and he transformed into a blurry figure that carefully rushed to the deepest parts of the Heavenly Tomb. Gu Qing Yang and the rest also followed behind. Their careful manner appeared to be a little comical.

The group of them quietly walked for a thousand feet within the energy fog before their footsteps slowly came to a halt. Four energy bodies were seated on a large rock a short distance in front. The figure at the middle appeared to be exceptionally powerful. It was a nine star energy body.

Xiao Yan’s eyes were narrowed as they swept over these four energy bodies. After which, he turned and looked at Gu Qing Yang’s group. They quietly made some hand gestures. After a couple of months of joining hands, the coordination between them had already become quite good.

The group nodded when they saw Xiao Yan’s hand gesture. Their bodies slowly separated.

“Attack!”

Xiao Yan suddenly waved his hand when he saw that everyone was awaiting orders. At the same time, his body suddenly rushed forward. Within a flash, he had appeared in front of an eight star energy body. His fist, which contained a dense purple-brown flame, violently penetrated the energy body. It shattered the body into nothingness in an instant.

“Bang!”

When Xiao Yan’s lightning-like attack struck the eight star energy body, the remaining two figures also burst apart. These energy bodies might be

at the eight star level, but their actual strength was not at this level. Otherwise, they would not have been able to win.

“Roar!”

That nine star energy body appeared to have sensed something when the three energy bodies were killed. It suddenly opened both of its eyes. However, a furious roar had just been emitted from its mouth when four figures surrounded him in a triangular [a][b]formation. A mighty Dou Qi swiftly surged. After which, they turned into lightning that ruthlessly struck this nine star energy body.

“Chi!”

Faced with the combined attacks of Gu Qing Yang’s group, this nine star energy body had just emitted a roar when a ‘puff’ sound appeared, and it was transformed into nothing. A bright energy core dropped from it, and Xun Er swiftly grabbed it.

The group faced each other and smiled when they saw that their sneak attack had succeeded. After which, they swiftly suppressed their voices because of Xiao Yan’s hand signal and then quickly rushed into the distance.

The subsequent journey was smoother after they killed those four energy bodies. However, this smoothness did not continue for long. Xiao Yan’s group’s expressions had gradually become more solemn because they had begun to sense a pressure slowly spreading from a short distance in front of them.

“Ban Sheng...”

The brows of Xiao Yan’s group were knit when they sensed this kind of pressure. Their speed also gradually slowed. If they were unable to pass through this obstruction, they would need to cease mentioning Xiao Xuan’s tomb...

“Everyone, be careful...”

Xiao Yan softly said. He once again walked some distance forward. His body was hidden in the shadows of a large rock. His eyes narrowed as he

looked forward.

The area where Xiao Yan's sight could reach was covered by an energy fog. This energy fog was not dense. A gust of wind blew over and caused the fog to scatter. Following the scattering of this energy fog, a thousand-foot-tall stone mountain suddenly appeared in view.

Xiao Yan's group's eyes locked on the top of the mountain when it appeared. That place possessed an enormous stone seat. A figure was quietly sat on it. A dark-red scimitar had been placed in front of him, and a dense bloody scent radiated from the large scimitar. It appeared like the fog that had lingered over this mountain.

"What an overbearing aura..."

The expressions of Xiao Yan's group slowly became solemn when they sensed the overbearing aura that was spreading from those figures. Was this the energy body that had reached the Ban Sheng class? It was indeed powerful.

While Xiao Yan's group wore solemn expressions, that figure on the enormous stone mountain suddenly got up, and a bloody scent suddenly surged.

"We have been discovered. There is no need to hide. Be careful..."

Xiao Yan gently exhaled when he saw the energy body stand. His heart was unafraid as a fiery heat surged within it. Fighting an elite Ban Sheng, this would be the first time in his life.

[a]A four figure triangle?

[b]well, one corner might have 2 people.

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Gu Qing Yang's group nodded as they watched the figure slowly stand on the large stone mountain. They slowly walked out of the shadows...

"Looks like there will be an intense battle this time around..." Gu Hua bitterly smiled. Fighting with an elite Ban Sheng was quite a crazy thing to do from their point of view. Although the elite Ban Sheng in front of them was merely an energy body, it still possessed the fighting knowledge and Dou Skills from when it was alive. They might have the advantage of numbers, but it was really difficult to say just who would end up winning.

"Creak." Gu Xing's large fist was slowly clenched. A creak sound continued to be emitted. At this moment, his somewhat simple and honest face was covered with a seriousness. A powerful but calm majestic aura surged out of his body.

"Everyone should be careful... the opponent this time around is not ordinary." Gu Qing Yang softly sighed.

"Intruders, all of you should be aware of the consequences the moment you step into this place..."

That figure looked down from the top of the mountain and looked over Xiao Yan's group. His faint voice appeared like muffled thunder that rumbled beside their ears.

Xiao Yan's group frowned. They looked at the human figure holding a large scimitar. This person was wearing a dark-red robe. His expression was cold and indifferent. There were a couple of scars on his face. He vaguely gave off an extremely powerful, fierce, evil aura. The fierceness and evilness mixed with each other. It was just like a fierce lion that had been bathed in blood, causing one to tremble with fear.

Moreover, the thing that caused Xiao Yan's group's heart to sink was that the eyes of this figure were not hollow like the other energy bodies. Clearly, this energy figure possessed a great intelligence.

A Ban Sheng without any intelligence was not frightening. The

frightening one was a Ban Sheng with intelligence and battle experience!

“Bang!”

The feet of that figure stepped on the rock mountain as a frightening force erupted. Immediately, Xiao Yan’s group saw numerous ten-foot-large crack lines spread like numerous poisonous snakes. They spread all the way down from the mountain top. In the blink of an eye, this stone mountain became shaky.

Large rocks fell from the stone mountain one after another. That figure appeared a short distance in front of Xiao Yan in a ghost-like manner. His right hand held his scimitar as his eyes coldly watched Xiao Yan’s group. The corner of his mouth slowly lifted with a bloodthirstiness.

“It has been many years since I have tasted human blood. I have almost forgotten what it tasted like...” That figure gently twisted his neck and muttered to himself, “It seems that I should introduce myself before I attack, right? Ugh, my name. It seems that I have not mentioned it in a long time. Although I sensed some human auras intrude in the past, they went and hid when they sensed me. Therefore, this is the first time that I have meet humans with flesh and blood... my name, it seems to be Saint Xue Dao, right? Have you heard of it?”

The corner of Xiao Yan group’s mouths involuntarily twitched as they looked at the dark-red figure, who had lifted his head and threw his eyes at them. This person had been dead for hundreds or thousands of years. Who knew what he was called...

“Ugh, looks like I have been forgotten. This kind of feeling is really unpleasant. I should finish all of you quickly. My bloody blade doesn’t seem to be able to endure any longer...” That fellow called Saint Xue Dao shook his head somewhat disappointedly when he saw their reactions. His foot immediately shook in an unnoticeable manner.

“Be careful!”

Xiao Yan’s expression suddenly changed when the foot of that Saint Xue Dao shook. He waved his sleeve and a wind gushed out of it before violently smashing into Gu Zhen’s body. The powerful force sent Gu Zhen

flying.

“Chi!”

A bloody glow appeared from the space where Gu Zhen was earlier with lightning-like speed just after he had been flung backwards. A deep gully formed on the ground.

“Huh?”

A surprised voice was emitted from the empty space after its attack missed. Xiao Yan sensed a gaze pausing on his body, causing the hairs all over it to stand.

“What terrifying speed this person has. Is this the difference between an elite Ban Sheng and a Dou Zun...”

A cold sweat dripped down from Xiao Yan’s forehead. His feet swiftly withdrew. After which, he, Xun Er, Gu Qing Yang, and the rest gathered together. If Xiao Yan’s strength had not increased during this one year in the Heavenly Tomb, he would not have been able to discover the attack by Saint Xue Dao earlier.

“This fellow is indeed difficult to deal with...” Gu Zhen also quickly got up from the ground. He dusted off the soil on his body before speaking with a frown, “You should be a little gentler next time...”

“In that case, I will allow you to be hacked into two by him...” Xiao Yan replied without turning his head. After which, he turned to Gu Qing Yang and Xun Er. If anyone were to mention levels in this place, these two were likely the strongest. Their ninth star strengths allowed them to overlook many elite Dou Zuns. “Shall we attack?”

“Aye...”

Gu Qing Yang and Xun Er nodded. They exchanged glances, and their bodies rushed out at almost the same time. Their hands hurriedly formed many seals as they cried out at the same time, “Overturning Land Seal!”

Two bright energy light seals were swiftly formed in both of their hands. After which, they ruthlessly shot toward Saint Xue Dao.

“Small tricks!”

Saint Xue Dao smiled in disdain when he saw the two energy light seals shooting over. The scimitar in his hand slashed through air, and two large blade glows tore through the space and broke the two energy light seals. The remnant blade force rushed toward the two who had attacked. However, they hurriedly dodged the attacks.

“Bang!”

After forcing Xun Er and Gu Qing Yan back, the ground where Saint Xue Dao was standing on suddenly began to sink. An enormous lava pillar violently spluttered out along with a frightening strength.

“Hmph!”

Saint Xue Dao let out a cold snort when faced with the enormous lava pillar. His feet violently stomped on the ground. The enormous lava pillar had crumbled under his foot. Hot lava spread in all directions and melted the surrounding large rocks.

“Flame Splitting Tsunami!”

A figure swiftly appeared behind Saint Xue Dao as an enormous blade glow smashed down in an unceremonious manner.

“Clang!”

The scimitar in Saint Xue Dao’s hand swiftly danced and formed bloody blade after-images behind him, dealing with the ferocious ruler glow from behind. After which, the after-images quickly rotated. They not only easily tore through the ruler glow, but they also cut at Xiao Yan without its strength being diminished.

“Clang!”

The heavy ruler slammed into the blood-colored blade after-images. The powerful force contained in the attack shook Xiao Yan’s body back by over a dozen steps before he stabilized himself.

“What a stupid saint. Do you really think that you are a true Dou Sheng. Your skin is really a little thick...”

Saint Xue Dao did not have the time to give chase after forcing Xiao Yan back when Gu Hua, Gu Xing, and Gu Zhen quickly charged at him. They unleashed powerful Dou Skills and mercilessly struck at Saint Xue Dao.

“Ant-like existences dare to challenge the prestige of a saint!”

Saint Xue Dao coldly laughed when he was surrounded and attacked Gu Hua’s trio. He clenched his left hand before suddenly striking it forward. Three blood lights turned into three fierce tigers with lightning-like speed. They emitted roars and collided with the three.

“Grug!”

After being firmly struck by Saint Xue Dao, the three of them spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. Their bodies were forced to withdraw. The three of them quickly took out an energy core and hurriedly absorbed it while they swiftly pulled back.

“Attack together!”

Gu Qing Yang cried out in a deep voice. He immediately flashed and rushed forward. Soon after, Xun Er, Gu Zhen, and the rest once again attacked. The Dou Qi in their bodies erupted to their limits. A whistling force cut one meter of soil off the ground.

The many attacks that erupted in an instant caught saint Xue Dao off-guard. Soon after, he swiftly stabilized himself. The scimitar danced in his hand in an airtight manner. Not only did it block all of the attacks by Gu Qing Yang’s group, it would also occasionally shoot out a sharp blade glow which caused the few of them to be sent into a flurry. An elite Ban Sheng was indeed extraordinary...

“Blood Blade Chaotic Wind Tear...”

After initially being caught off-guard when faced with the combined attacks of Gu Qing Yang’s group, Saint Xue Dao once again unleashed his sharp attacks. His foot stomped on the ground, and his body suddenly began to rotate. It appeared like a blood-red tornado. The surrounding space also collapsed into a black hole in an instant...

“Bang bang!”

Sharp blade aura shot out from within the tornado in a lightning like manner. It directly shook Gu Qing Yang's group until they flew backwards. Their bodies heavily smashed onto the surrounding large rocks. That frightening force caused even the large stone to be turned into dust.

"It is your turn!"

Saint Xue Dao turned his eyes to Xiao Yan by the side, who was preparing to find an opportunity to attack, after forcing back Gu Qing Yang's group. He let out a cold smile as he strode forward and rushed to Xiao Yan.

The speed of Saint Xue Dao was extremely fast and fierce. In the blink of an eye, he had already appeared in front of Xiao Yan. Xiao Yan's face changed a little at this moment as his heart suddenly let out a deep cry.

"Skyfire Three Mysterious Change! First Change! Second Change! Third Change!"

After this cry sounded within his heart, the Dou Qi within Xiao Yan's body suddenly became wild and violent. Moreover, the itchy feeling between his brows had appeared again. At this moment, he wasn't able to pay much attention to it. The Great Heaven Creation Palm was already rapidly brewing in his palm...

"Chi!"

The scimitar cut through empty air. However, it suddenly stopped above Xiao Yan's head at this instant. Saint Xue Dao's eyes were staring intently at his brows. A frightened expression surged into his eyes a moment later.

"Xiao clan's clan tattoo? You are actually a member of the Xiao clan?"

Chapter 1357: Two Dou Sheng

“You are a member of the Xiao clan?”

The scimitar that contained a dense bloody scent suddenly came to a stop half a foot above Xiao Yan’s head. Saint Xue Dao’s eyes were frightened as he stared at Xiao Yan’s forehead. His voice actually contained some fear.

The Great Heaven Creation Palm, which was swiftly gathering in Xiao Yan’s palm, also paused because of the strange actions of Saint Xue Dao. Xiao Yan frowned, and his toes pressed on the ground as his body swiftly withdrew. He demanded, “How do you know?”

Saint Xue Dao’s eyes stared intently at Xiao Yan’s brows. The partially visible clan tattoo that had surfaced at that spot earlier had completely vanished. However, his heart clearly understood that this clan tattoo was definitely familiar to him because this clan tattoo appeared as frightening as the devil in his distant memory.

“Didn’t all the members of the Xiao clan die...”

Saint Xue Dao muttered. His eyes involuntarily swept to the deepest part of the Heavenly Tomb when he uttered these words. A deep fear flashed across his eyes.

“What happened?” Gu Qing Yang, Xun Er, and the rest also rushed to Xiao Yan’s side at this moment. They looked at Saint Xue Dao, who had suddenly stopped attacking, as they asked with soft voices full of doubt.

“I’m not certain...” Xiao Yan shook his head, but he did not abandon the caution in his heart. The strength of an elite Ban Sheng was too powerful. Even with many of them joining hands, it would still be extremely difficult to deal with him. If they were careless, it was even possible for their entire group to die here.

Gu Qing Yang also frowned when he heard this. This Saint Xue Dao might only be an energy body, but it still possessed an intelligence and memories from when it was alive. Just what had caused him to feel such

fear?

“This little fellow is actually a member of that Xiao clan... given the incredible abilities of that person, he has definitely sensed him entering. If I kill him, I will have difficulty escaping that person’s murderous desire in the future.” Saint Xue Dao’s eyes rapidly flickered. A moment later, the bloody aura that spread over his body was slowly withdrawn. His hand was swung and the scimitar disappeared. He glanced at Xiao Yan and ordered him somewhat unwillingly, “Go! Consider yourself lucky this time around!”

Xiao Yan’s group was stunned to hear his words. They exchanged glances with each other. They did not understand why this fellow had suddenly changed his mind.

“Walk west from here. This narrow path is where many experts gather. You should be able to avoid most of them if you walk to the west and you will then reach your destination.” Saint Xue Dao spoke somewhat impatiently when he saw everyone’s flabbergasted expressions.

“Thank you very much elder...”

Xiao Yan exchanged glances with Gu Qing Yang and the rest. After which, he hurriedly cupped his hands respectfully to Saint Xue Dao. Subsequently, they slowly stepped back. The Dou Qi in their bodies remained in a state where it could erupt at any time. Only after having withdrawn by over a hundred meters and seeing that Saint Xue Dao did not do anything, they sighed in relief within their hearts. They quickly turned around and rushed deeper.

Saint Xue Dao watched Xiao Yan’s group as they left quickly. Only then did he curl his mouth. His eyes looked wandered to the deepest part of the Heavenly Tomb as he muttered to himself, “Hmph, you owe me a favor this time around. You should at least let me off when you come and clear up the place in the future, right?”

“That fellow... he is really strange. Earlier, he was filled with a desire to kill, but then he suddenly turned into a nice person in the blink of an eye...”

The energy fog spread over the land. A couple of figures shuttled by. Gu Hua glanced behind him before speaking with a frown.

“He seems to have been able to identify that I am a member of the Xiao clan...” Xiao Yan’s eyes were cautiously sweeping around him as he randomly replied.

“Each time your aura soars, the clan tattoo of the Xiao clan appears on your forehead. He is a former top expert. How can he not recognize it...” Gu Qing Yang smiled and replied.

“What?” Xiao Yan’s body paused when he heard this. He turned his head with a surprised face and asked, “What clan tattoo do I have?”

“Don’t you know?” Gu Qing Yang’s group were also surprised when they saw that Xiao Yan appeared even more at a loss compared to them. Gu Qing Yang said, “This clan tattoo seems to only be able to appear temporarily. It disappears pretty quickly... reasonably speaking, you should not even possess a clan tattoo. A clan tattoo relies on the strength of the bloodline to be activated. However, the strength of the Xiao clan’s bloodline has been completely exhausted...”

Xiao Yan frowned. How could he understand it himself? His forehead had a flame imprint on it, and this flame mark had gradually paled after he successfully swallowed the Bone Chilling Flame. As for that whatever clan tattoo, he had definitely never seen it before.

“When my aura is soaring, I am using the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change. However, what has that got to do with the clan tattoo of my Xiao clan?” Numerous mysteries flashed through Xiao Yan’s mind, but he did not find the slightest answer. This caused his frown to tighten.

“That Saint Xue Dao from earlier is not afraid of the Xiao clan tattoo. This thing does not possess even the slightest strength...” A thought flew through Xiao Yan’s heart. “The reason that he had let us off is likely due to something else. Moreover, this thing should be related to the clan tattoo of the Xiao clan...”

However, just what was related to the Xiao clan tattoo in the Heavenly Tomb that could deter Saint Xue Dao, who possessed the strength of a Ban

Sheng?

“It’s Xiao Xuan!”

Xun Er by the side suddenly came to an answer. Xiao Yan was still fine when these words were uttered. However, a chilled aura seeped from under the feet of Gu Qing Yang’s group. Xiao Xuan had already died for so many years. How could he still terrify this Saint Xue Dao?

“The Heavenly Tomb is extremely mysterious. Since an elite Ban Sheng like Saint Xue Dao can survive through any means and possess his spirit from when he was alive, could elder Xiao Xuan, who reached the peak of the Dou Sheng class, also rely on this method to survive?” Xun Er slowly explained her reasoning.

Gu Qing Yang’s group was speechless. Their eyes immediately turned to Xiao Yan. Although Xiao Yan’s expression remained calm, they could still sense that his heart was fluctuating intensely at this moment.

“Let’s go. All of these mysteries will be solved when we reach our destination...”

Xiao Yan softly replied. The speed of their bodies suddenly increased. He transformed into a blurry black line that charged into the faint energy fog. Xun Er and the others exchanged gazes behind him before quickly following.

During the subsequent journey, Xiao Yan’s group followed the path that Saint Xue Dao had pointed out to them. The energy bodies they were sensing had become much stronger. There were some who were even stronger than Saint Xue Dao. However, it was fortunate that Xiao Yan’s group had avoided the scanning of these experts by following the gaps between the energy bodies territories. Thus, they were not hindered along the way...

“We should have truly entered the deepest region of the Heavenly Tomb...”

Xiao Yan’s group relied on the chaotic rocky terrain to hide themselves. They rested for a moment before Gu Qing Yang looked at the deepest

darkest part and voiced his thoughts.

“It is indeed worthy of being the most dangerous place. The surrounding energy bodies appear to be too frightening. Even the nine star energy bodies can only be a guard....” Gu Hua bitterly laughed. Being in a place where numerous experts were located, they finally discovered just how weak they were. They were existences that many young clan members of the Gu clan looked up to in the Gu Realm. Here, however... they seemed to be ant-like existences. They needed to be careful even when they spoke.

The others could only helplessly smile when they heard his words. This place was not a place that they should have come to. Being able to reach this far had already exceeded their expectations.

“Based on our speed, we should reach the tomb of Xiao Xuan that is recorded in the ancient books very soon...” Xun Er looked at Xiao Yan and softly informed him.

“This path is still quite smooth. It looks like that Saint Xue Dao has given us a lot of help. However, this place is indeed too dangerous. We should get moving soon...” Xiao Yan nodded and immediately urged.

“Aye.”

The others agreed with these words. They hurriedly stood up.

When they had just got up and prepared to once again hurry on their journey. However, a slight rushing wind sound had suddenly appeared in front of them. Immediately, two black figures slowly landed on a large rock. They overlooked everyone from above. Their eyes contained a mockery like a cat playing with a mouse.

“Xiao Yan, your speed is really a little too slow...”

The expressions of Xiao Yan’s group suddenly changed when they heard this dangerous laughter. They suddenly raised their heads and looked at the two figures in the distance. Their faces sank a little. “Hun Ya, Hun Li!”

“Hee hee, I wondered who it was. It is actually you two homeless dogs, who had fled before. Why do you have the courage to appear now?” Gu Hua unceremoniously ridiculed the two figures when he saw them.

The gloomy-faced Xiao Yan quietly gave a hand signal when Gu Hua uttered these words. The Hun Ya duo had been hiding from them. Given their strength, where would they get the guts to openly appear in front of Xiao Yan's group. Anything out of the ordinary definitely meant that something was wrong. Since these two had dared to appear, it was likely that they had something to rely on.

“Relax, the ones who will be homeless strays this time around will definitely be you...”

Hun Ya strangely smiled in the face of Gu Hua's ridicule, and then Hun Li and him slowly withdrew. When they withdrew, two gray-clothed sinister-looking old fellows quietly appeared in front of them in a ghost-like manner...

“Dou Sheng?”

An indescribable feeling of danger immediately rose within their hearts when they saw these two gray-clothed old men appear!

Chapter 1358: Appear

As Xiao Yan's group's expressions changed, Hun Ya's eyes became even darker and colder. He strangely laughed, "Do you feel that everything has changed? This relationship between the hunter and the hunted seems to have begun to change."

Xiao Yan's group ignored his strange mockery. Their eyes were staring at the two gray-clothed old men in front of Hun Ya. Although the bodies of these two people were no different from an ordinary person, their eyes were filled with an emotionless indifference. Xiao Yan's group could still sense that these two old fellows were energy bodies...

"Just where did these two bastards find Dou Sheng energy bodies? Why would such an expert help them?" Gu Hua frowned and softly cursed.

Gu Zhen stared at the two elders. A moment later, he shook his head as he said, "Because these two people are members of the Hun clan. Although they have already died, their spirits remained because of the Heavenly Tomb. It looks like these two fellows have come prepared..."

Gu Qing Yang slowly nodded. He voiced his thoughts, "Let's separate and flee. Two Dou Shengs. Even though they are just energy bodies, we are no match for them. We will not have even the slightest chance of victory if we fight against them head-on."

Everyone was quiet when they heard his words. It was unexpected that they would end up binding themselves this miserable because of these two homeless strays. They had to go through various difficulties to arrive here.

"Xiao clan... has actually not been annihilated, huh..."

A gray-clothed old man's indifferent eyes paused on Xiao Yan. He spoke while everyone was quiet.

"Elder Hun Diao, the Xiao clan no longer exists. However, this fellow has relied on himself to reach this height. Therefore, you must eliminate him this time around. Otherwise, the Xiao clan might really end up recovering." Hun Ya respectfully explained the situation to him.

“He did not rely on the strength of the bloodline, huh...” Surprise flashed through Elder Hun Diao’s eyes when he heard this. He immediately nodded and said, “Since this is the case, he should indeed be eliminated.”

“Alright, let’s not talk any more. Kill them and quickly leave. This place is too close to that area. Things might change if we delay.” The other gray-clothed elder frowned and spoke in a deep voice.

Hun Diao’s eyes rippled when he heard the other elder’s words, causing him to nod. His foot slowly stepped forward. When his foot stepped forward, space itself fluctuated in an intense manner. Circular spatial ripples spread from under his feet.

“Flee!”

Gu Qing Yang cried out softly when he saw Hun Diao move. His body took the lead as he transformed into a ray of light that shot to his left. Xiao Yan and the rest also rushed off on their own at the same time. Their directions were all different.

“Lock!”

The gray-clothed elder, who had yet to act, coldly smiled when he saw Xiao Yan’s group fleeing. He suddenly clenched his hand, and all the noise within a thousand feet suddenly stilled. Time seemed to have come to a standstill along with it...

The figures of Xiao Yan’s group turned into statues within this stilled space. Their rotating eyes revealed a horror. Was this the strength of a genuine elite Dou Sheng? They could control any space at will. Within this space, time or the space itself could be modified by them.

Hun Ya involuntarily laughed when he saw Xiao Yan’s group forced to stop. If they could get all of these fellows to remain here, a great gap would appear within the younger generation of the Gu clan. It would be quite a big blow to an ancient clan like the Gu clan if they lost this kind of precious blood.

“Bang!”

While a pleased emotion appeared within Hun Ya’s heart, an extremely

hot golden flame suddenly erupted within the still space. The flame appeared like a phoenix rising from the ashes. The energy that erupted at that instant struck this stilled space until it began to ripple.

“Bang!”

A purple-brown flame suddenly erupted in the fluctuating space because of the eruption of the golden flame. As the frightening temperature rose, the offensive ripple that had been strengthened caused the entire space to become unstable.

The Dou Qi within the bodies of Gu Qing Yang and the rest circulated when the space became unstable. They combined their strength and escaped their restraints. However, they did not separate and flee again. Instead, they gathered together with solemn expressions. After the fight earlier, they understood that fleeing did not pose any obstruction to these two elite Dou Shengs. It would only cause the resistance on their side to diminish.

“Huh?”

Surprise flashed across the eyes of the two gray-clothed old men when they saw Xiao Yan’s group rely on their own strength to escape the stilled space.

“You do indeed possess some ability. However, this is insufficient!”

Hun Diao coldly laughed. He widened his mouth and rolling black clouds surged from it. They agglomerated into black python tens of thousand of feet large with a roar. It swung its huge tail, and Xiao Yan’s group could hear crackling sounds emitted from space itself. Empty space was shattered by the attack of this enormous python.

Such a frightening attack caused the expressions of Xiao Yan’s group to become much uglier. An elite Dou Sheng was terrifying, and this was just an energy body. If they were facing a genuine Dou Sheng, just how unimaginably terrifying would that battle be?

“Together!”

A rich feeling of danger surged into Gu Qing Yang’s heart when he

looked at the enormous black python as it broke through the space and whistled over. With his strength, it was extremely difficult to block the attack of an elite Dou Sheng. The difference between Sheng and Zun was so large that it could blow some people's minds...

Everyone nodded when they heard Gu Qing Yang's low cry. This kind of death-like danger was something that even Saint Xue Dao from earlier did not give them. If they did not join hands to deal with it, all of them would really end up dying here today.

"Hu..."

Xiao Yan exhaled a deep breath. The Skyfire Three Mysterious Change was unleashed by him. Energy gathered in a lightning-like manner on his right hand. When faced with an expert of such strength, none of them were given any time to warm up. All they could do was go all out in order to gain the slightest chance of survival.

While Xiao Yan was unleashing all his strength, the Dou Qi within the bodies of Gu Qing Yang, Xun Er, and the rest also began to surge. Powerful Dou Qi pressures lingered beside them like a whirlwind, shattering all the surrounding large stones.

"Great Heaven Creation Palm!"

A dark-black light spot appeared in Xiao Yan's palm in a lightning-like fashion. It suddenly slammed to life in the empty space in front of him.

"Chi!"

The palm landed on empty space. Then a dark-black light sphere quickly appeared and swiftly spread out.

"Silent Destruction Finger!"

While Xiao Yan had unleashed his Tian class Dou Skill, Xun Er, Gu Qing Yang, and the rest also unleashed the same Dou Skill. It was the Tian class Dou Skill that Gu Yao had once unleashed back then, the Silent Destruction Finger!

An enormous dark-black finger broke through the space behind them.

After which, the black light sphere and the finger ruthlessly collided with the large black python that had torn through air as it shot over..

“Bang!”

The frightening collision resulted in an earth-shaking explosion. A frightening energy storm swept out from the point of collision!

The energy storm swept over the sky. An enormous black figure suddenly shot out from within. It ruthlessly slammed toward Xiao Yan’s group. Upon closer inspection, it was the snake tail of that enormous python. Although this snake tail was covered with injuries, it had not been destroyed by Xiao Yan’s group.

The snake tail carried an extremely frightening wind pressure as it ruthlessly swung toward Xiao Yan’s group. The sonic boom that was created blasted the ground apart, forming a countless number of large pits...

A paleness surged onto the faces of Xiao Yan’s group as they sensed the frightening strength of the snake tail. Despite so many of them attacking at the same time using Tian class Dou Skills, they were still unable to block it.

“Let’s go all out!”

Gu Hua clenched his teeth. The ground trembled intensely under the sonic boom. At this moment, it was too late even if they wished to flee...

Xiao Yan’s expression was gloomy. The Heavenly Flame in his hand was circulated. He was also aware that he had no other choice but to go all out...

“Chi!”

While Xiao Yan’s group was preparing to retaliate, the space in the distance fluctuated. A figure suddenly flashed and appeared. With a wave of his sleeve, a gentle force lifted Xiao Yan’s group, pulling them to the deepest part of the Heavenly Tomb with lightning-like speed.

“Saint Xue Dao?”

The reinforcement that suddenly arrived caused Xiao Yan's group to be startled. Surprise surged on Xiao Yan's face when he saw the person who had intervened. No one had expected Saint Xue Dao to rescue them.

"Dammit. Just where did these bastards come from? If that fellow discovers that you were killed here, he will definitely wash everything in blood again!" That Saint Xue Dao ignored Xiao Yan's group. His body shot away while he was cursing with a gloomy expression.

"Hmph, a mere Ban Sheng dares to act atrociously in front of the two of us? Are you seeking death?" The sudden unexpected change surprised the attacking duo. They quickly recovered and furiously laughed. They suddenly turned their bodies and cried out, "Lock!"

Saint Xue Dao's body suddenly stilled after the angry cries of those two sounded. Surprise also surged onto everyone's faces at this moment. Two elite Dou Shengs were indeed at a level that was far from what he could compare with.

"You dare to meddle with this little ability..."

Hun Diao's two-man team coldly laughed. Their feet stepped on the empty space as they appeared in front of Saint Xue Dao. Their hands were curled as they ruthlessly slammed toward his chest. If just one fist were to land, Saint Xue Dao would be smashed until nothing remained.

"Chi!"

However, Hun Diao's group's fists were still half a foot from Saint Xue Dao when they suddenly stopped!

"Who is it?"

The Dou Sheng duo's expressions changed as they furiously cried out after their fists were halted.

"It looks like there are still remaining members of the Hun clan in this Heavenly Tomb..."

A faint voice that was filled with an ancient aura slowly reverberated through everything when the furious cry of the Hun Diao duo sounded.

The space where the Hun Diao duo had stilled started to collapse when this voice sounded.

“Xiao Xuan?”

A frightened expression surged onto the faces of Hun Diao and the other elder when they heard this voice.

Chapter 1359: Xiao Xuan!

“Xiao Xuan?”

Xiao Yan's body suddenly trembled when he heard the exclamations of the Hun Diao duo. The blood flowing within his body suddenly fluctuated in a strange manner. This ripple was extremely familiar.

The empty space in front of Xiao Yan's group formed some ripples in front of everyone's eyes as a figure in pale-green clothes quietly appeared. The appearance of this figure did not attract any unnatural phenomenon, but it appeared as though everyone present could not endure a punch or a kick from this person.

“Hun clan... what a hateful bloodline.”

The figure appeared and raised his head, revealing a face that did not appear very handsome, but it caused one to feel that there was something unique. His black hair reached his shoulders and a pair of ink-like eyes were as deep as black holes with an unusual wisdom. It was filled with a charm that caused one to feel intoxicated.

“Xiao Xuan!”

The Hun Diao duo's eyes were staring at the unusually familiar face as shock and horror flashed across their eyes. Although they possessed an extremely great strength, the man in front of them had once stood at the peak of the continent. Only a few across the entire continent could fight with him.

“Elder Hun Diao...” Hun Ya was a little frightened as he watched this stranger suddenly appear. Although he was not acquainted with this person, he still vaguely sensed the feeling of death.

“Xiao Xuan may be very strong, but he is suppressed by the Heavenly Tomb. It is impossible for him to leave the tomb anytime he likes. He can only leave it once every ten years and the ten years have passed. He is not able to reveal himself!” Hun Diao inhaled a deep breath of air. He suppressed the fear in his heart as he softly reasoned.

“In other words, the Xiao Xuan in front is not his actual self?” The other gray-clothed old man’s eyes flickered as he asked.

“It is likely only just a show...” Hun Diao coldly replied. His boldness had become more apparent. Xiao Xuan might be powerful, but it was impossible for him to scare off the two of them with just a shadow.

“You do indeed possess good eyesight...” The green-clothed man smiled.. His black eyes looked at the Hun duo in front as he said, “However, the two of you have overestimated yourselves. Two one star Dou Sheng do not even possess the qualifications to speak to me...”

That green-clothed man slowly lifted his hand after speaking. He gently clenched it while facing the Hun duo.

“Shatter!”

After this word was spat from the green-clothed man, Xiao Yan’s group was immediately startled to see the space within a ten-thousand-foot-radius collapse. A dark invisible hand suddenly formed. After which, it randomly slammed into the Hun duo.

“Bang bang bang!”

The ten thousand foot large dark-black hand gently slammed down as the land appeared to experience an earthquake. It shook as numerous crack lines spread across the ground and extended into the distance.

“This fiend, why has he come out again...”

Such a large commotion was naturally sensed by some powerful energy bodies. However, their expressions changed when they sensed that familiar aura. They hesitated for a moment before hiding even the tiniest drop of their auras. Their bodies gradually became illusory before hiding under the land.

“How is this possible...”

The eyes of the Hun duo were somewhat stunned as they watched space collapse. Even they were unable to endure such a frightening palm.

“Run!”

Faced with the collapsed space and the enormous black hand that was swiftly approaching, the Hun duo sniffed the scent of death that caused their bodies to tremble. Their faces turned pale and they could not be bothered with anything else. One of them grabbed Hun Ya while the other grabbed Hun Li before turning to flee.

“Bang!”

However, their speed did not allow them to smoothly escape. Space itself seemed to be shattered by the large black hand. Hence, the two of them had just traveled a thousand feet when the attack suddenly arrived.

“Bang!”

The large hand did not truly strike the two of them. Instead, a frightening wind penetrated space when it was a thousand feet away from the fleeing figures before landing on the bodies of the Hun Elders. Their bodies violently shook when faced with this frightening wind. They did not even manage to scream when they emitted a “bang” and exploded into nothing.

The remaining force in the hands of the two Elders violently tossed away Hun Ya and Hun Li before they were blasted into nothingness. They flew far into the distance.

Xiao Xuan glanced at Hun Ya and Hun Li who had been tossed away, but he did not stop them. Eight star Dou Zuns were not even comparable to ants in his eyes...

“Rumble!”

The enormous hand shattered Hun Elders before it smashed into the ground, causing the land to tremble. Dust scattered from all over before settling a moment later. A ten-thousand-foot-large and seemingly bottomless gully appeared in front of Xiao Yan’s group in a spectacular manner.

“Hiss...”

Xiao Yan’s group inhaled a deep breath of cool air as they looked at this bottomless pit. Such a frightening destructive strength was a little too

terrifying.

“This fiend is still as vicious with his attacks...”

Saint Xue Dao looked at the two Dou Shengs who had been turned into nothing by just a palm of this green-clothed man. He involuntarily swallowed a mouthful of saliva, but he also rejoiced a little. Fortunately, he had intervened today...

The green-clothed man in the sky randomly finished off the Hun Elders. Only then did he turn around. His eyes leaped over Gu Qing Yang and the rest before finally landing on Xiao Yan.

The blood within Xiao Yan's body appeared to flow at a faster rate when the eyes of the green-clothed man landed on him. He forcefully endured the excitement in his heart as he lifted his head. Two pairs of dark black eyes met...

Their intertwining eyes lasted for some time. Finally, a smile surfaced on the green-clothed man's face. The smile was not deep, but it gave Xiao Yan a familiar feeling of being connected by blood.

“Someone from the Xiao clan has finally come. I have not waited for so many years in vain...”

The green-clothed man stepped through empty space and slowly appeared in front of Xiao Yan. He spoke in a soft voice. That voice contained some pride and relief.

“This descendant Xiao Yan greets ancestor!”

Xiao Yan was finally unable to endure the excitement in his heart when he heard the words of the green-clothed man. He knelt on empty air and gave his ancestor the most respectful bow of the Xiao clan.

“Ha ha, Xiao Yan... a good name...”

The green-clothed man slightly smiled. He gently helped Xiao Yan to his feet and patted his head. He said, “I sensed your presence the moment you entered the Heavenly Tomb. Your performance along the way has been quite good...”

Xiao Yan rubbed his head. He was aware of just what kind of great person his ancestor was back then. Being able to obtain such a good evaluation from him was likely a very difficult task.

“This junior Gu Qing Yang greets elder Xiao Xuan!”

Gu Qing Yang, Xun Er, and the rest gave Xiao Xuan a respectful bow and deferentially greeted him. They were clearly aware in their hearts that even the clan head of the Gu clan would still have to treat this person in front of them with respect.

“Members of the Gu clan, huh...”

Xiao Xuan smiled. He glanced at Gu Qing Yang’s group and said, “Your Gu clan did not fully do as per the agreement that you made with me back then.”

Gu Qing Yang and the rest felt some cold perspiration form on their foreheads when they heard his chastising words. They hurriedly replied, “Elder Xiao Xuan merely a small portion of the clan didn’t. The clan head has always adhered to the agreement even until now.”

Xiao Xuan was noncommittal. His eyes suddenly turned to Xun Er by the side as he commented, “Your bloodline is very similar to Gu Yuan...”

“Gu Yuan is my father...” Xun Er respectfully replied. Her pretty eyes were somewhat uncertain as they looked at Xiao Xuan. He could be considered Xiao Yan’s elder and possessed absolute authority. She naturally did not wish to give the other party a poor impression of her on their first meeting. She did not wish to do this even though the current Xiao Xuan was no longer a truly living person...

“You are actually that fellow’s daughter... no wonder you possess the divine bloodline. It is really the case of the next generation being more outstanding than the previous...” Xiao Xuan nodded. His eyes suddenly swept over Xiao Yan and Xun Er before saying to no one in particular, “However, my Xiao clan still gained the advantage...”

Xun Er’s pretty face flushed red with embarrassment after hearing the meaning in Xiao Xuan words.

“You should return first. In the future, you will continue to exist in the Heavenly Tomb...” Xiao Xuan glanced at Saint Xue Dao and indifferently spoke.

“Thank you Elder Xiao Xuan.”

Saint Xue Dao rejoiced upon hearing this. He hurriedly cupped his hands in a respectful manner. There were too many energy bodies in this Heavenly Tomb, and quite a number of them were stronger than him. However, with Xiao Xuan’s words, those powerful existences would not dare to target him.

After uttering those words, Saint Xue Dao wisely decide not to stay any longer. He cupped his hands to Xiao Yan’s group and then turned into a ray of light that hurried into the distance.

“Let’s head to the tomb. Due to the Heavenly Tomb, I cannot leave often. The thing that you are seeing now is just a shadow that I have projected...” Xiao Xuan explained when he saw Saint Dao Xue leave.

The hearts of Gu Qing Yang’s group were shocked when they heard these words. A mere shadow was able to kill two one star Dou Sheng energy bodies with the raise of a hand. If this was his actual body, would it not possess a frightening strength that could annihilate the world?

“I think that you have many things that you are uncertain about, right? Follow me... I have waited for too long for this day...” Xiao Xuan’s eyes shifted to Xiao Yan. He smiled slightly and spoke in a soft voice.

An excitement rose within Xiao Yan’s heart when he heard these words. He had been waiting for this day for a long time!

Chapter 1360: Bloodline Inheritance

Xiao Yan's group followed Xiao Xuan to the deepest region of the Heavenly Tomb before they gradually came to a stop. Their surroundings were as black as ink because there was almost no light. One appeared to be standing in the empty realm as a kind of lost panicked feeling rose within one's heart.

"This is the deepest part of the Heavenly Tomb..."

Xiao Xuan smiled as he spoke. He pointed to an ancient stone tablet in front. This tablet stood in this dark-black region in a lonely manner. It was quiet and lonely, appearing as though it had existed for a long time. "This is my tomb..."

Xiao Yan's eyes followed the direction Xiao Xuan had indicated and saw an ancient stone tablet. Even though a countless number of years had passed, the stone tablet still emitted an aura that could not be described. This kind of aura was not intense, but it caused one's soul to feel a flutter that could not be stopped.

"The four of you should train outside the stone tablet. This place is where the energy in the Heavenly Tomb is the most dense. Other energy bodies do not dare to enter this area. Therefore, you need not worry about your safety..." Xiao Xuan looked at Gu Qing Yang's group as he spoke.

Gu Qing Yang's group looked at each other after hearing this. All they could do was smile bitterly and nod their heads. The only thing they could do when dealing with this person, who was once a top expert, was to completely obey him.

"Xiao Yan and that girl from the Gu clan, follow me..." After randomly settling matters with Gu Qing Yang's group, Xiao Xuan turned to Xiao Yan and Xun Er. After which, he placed both of his hands behind him and slowly walked into the stone tablet. His body swiftly became pale as he disappeared upon contact with the stone tablet.

Xiao Yan gently exhaled when he saw this. He extended his hand to Xun Er and smiled as he said, "Let's go..."

“Aye.” The anxiousness in Xun Er’s heart completely disappeared as she looked at Xiao Yan’s smile. She obediently extended her soft hand and placed it in Xiao Yan’s palm, allowing him to pull her along as they slowly walked to the stone tablet.

“Xiao Yan, take good care of Xun Er!”

Gu Qing Yang cupped his hands and spoke in a deep voice as he watched Xiao Yan and Xun Er walk toward the stone tablet. He knew that Xiao Yan would likely spend most of his time inside the tomb after entering it.

“All of you should also take care...” Xiao Yan smiled and nodded. He extended his hand and gently touched the stone tablet. A bloodline connection was emitted from the stone tablet as a circular light scattered from the stone talisman, wrapping around Xiao Yan and Xun Er. Finally, the light scattered, and their figures completely disappeared.

Gu Qing Yang and the rest looked at each other after watching the two of them disappear. All they could do was bitterly laugh before softly sighing

“Forget it, given elder Xiao Xuan’s ability, he will not do anything to Xun Er. Let’s just quietly wait here for them to come out...”

Gu Qing Yang shook his head. After which, he randomly found a stone platform and sat down. He gradually entered his training state. Gu Zhen and the other two could only nod their heads when they saw him sit down. They each found a spot and began to train...

The light that filled one’s eyes slowly disappeared. Xiao Yan and Xun Er slowly opened their eyes. Xiao Yan looked at the ancient house that had appeared in front of him, and he involuntarily became a little absent-minded. It was unexpected that this simple and ordinary tablet actually hid such a mysterious place. It was indeed worthy of being an elite Dou Sheng’s resting place...

Xiao Xuan stood with his hands behind him in the middle of the large hall in front. There was a clear pond in front of him. Numerous green lotuses were suspended on it, emitting a faint relaxing fragrance.

“Can you tell me about the situation of the Xiao clan?” Xiao Xuan sighed when he heard the soft sound of footsteps behind him.

Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment when he heard this request. Finally, he said with honesty, “The Xiao clan no longer exists. There is only the declined Xiao family left...” Xiao Yan structured his thoughts after uttering these words. After which, he spoke in detail about the various unexpected changes of the Xiao clan during these years.

Xiao Xuan slowly nodded after the last word sounded. His face did not reveal much emotion.

“The decline of the Xiao clan is something that I had already expected. At the very least, there are still descendants remaining. It has not reached the point of despair...” Xiao Xuan’s voice was gentle, appearing to possess a demonic strength. He seemed to recall some things while Xiao Yan, who had become a little emotional, once again became calm.

“Do you have anything that you wish to ask?” Xiao Xuan looked at Xiao Yan and asked a question with a smile.

“Is ancestor really still living now?” Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment before asking. If Xiao Xuan were able to live in another form, the Xiao clan would prosper. With such a peak expert, it was likely that even the Hun clan would have to be cautious.

Xiao Xuan looked at Xiao Yan. A moment later, he slowly shook his head and said, “What you are seeing now is merely a remnant part of my soul. When I died back then, I had instructed some people to deliver me to the Heavenly Tomb. Only then could I take on this current form and await your arrival. However, this is only limited to the Heavenly Tomb. I will immediately disappear once I leave here...”

Disappointment flashed across Xiao Yan’s eyes when he heard this information. He bitterly laughed, “The strength of the current Xiao clan is too weak. Having lost the bloodline strength, we are unable to fight with the other ancient clans. Someone like me is considered unusual to them...”

“When the Xiao clan was still around back then, I had already sensed that the Dou Di bloodline was about to be exhausted. You should

understand that if the bloodline strength was becoming exhausted back then, the Xiao clan would have been annihilated by those enemies with ill intent..." Xiao Xuan lifted his head. His eyes seemed to be recalling a distant memory. "The only way to replenish the Dou Di bloodline is for another Dou Di to appear, but this is too difficult. The me back then was a little too arrogant and did not think that I would be blocked in front of the Dou Di class. After discussing with the many Elders within the clan, we decided to stake everything..."

"We used a secret technique and transfer most of the bloodline strength within the clan to my body. I understand... that it was the final hope of all the clan members..." Xiao Xuan inhaled a deep breath of air. Some pain finally surfaced on his face. He had disappointed all the members of the Xiao clan.

"But... I still ended up failing. When I was attempting to advance to the Dou Di class, the Hun clan launched a sneak attack. I ended up seriously injured, and I died..."

Xiao Yan was quiet when he heard Xiao Xuan's self-reprimanding sigh. A moment later, he softly said, "That was the last method. If the bloodline strength was allowed to be exhausted, the Xiao clan would have difficulty escaping being destroyed... no one in the Xiao clan would ever blame you for this."

"However, if the strength of the bloodline has been exhausted, why is it that the clan tattoo has appeared on me?" Xiao Yan suddenly rubbed his brows and doubtfully asked.

"The clan tattoo of the Xiao clan is not bestowed by another, it is created by oneself through training."

Xiao Xuan smiled and continued, "I can sense the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change on you because I was the one who created it. It is unexpected that you have accidentally obtained it. I remember that I gave it to the Burning Flame Valley back then. The word 'fate' is indeed unpredictable."

Xiao Yan revealed a stunned face when he heard these words. A moment

later, he suddenly recalled the name that he had seen when he was inheriting the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change at the Burning Flame Valley.

“Xiao Xuan? That Xiao Xuan there is the ancestor of the Xiao clan! The matters of this world is really unbelievable...”

“Of course, the Skyfire Three Mysterious that you practice is still lacking the final step. It is precisely because it is lacking this final step that you have been unable to create a clan tattoo...” Xiao Xuan softly explained.

An excitement immediately surged within Xiao Yan’s heart when he heard this. His eyes looked at Xiao Xuan with anticipation.

“Ha ha, relax. I have waited alone for so many years in order to hand everything to you. This final step of the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change will naturally be handed to you.” Xiao Xuan shook his head and smiled when he saw Xiao Yan’s excitement.

“However, even if you form the clan tattoo, it is difficult to truly unleash it to its peak without the support of the bloodline strength...” Xiao Xuan voiced his thoughts.

“Since it is called the clan tattoo, there must naturally be a bloodline strength as a source...” Xiao Xuan nodded as he observed Xiao Yan’s eyes dim. He smiled and stepped into the pond before walking to the middle. With a wave of his hand, one could see the water of the pond slowly rotate. Following the swirling of the pond water, numerous blood lights were slowly emitted from Xiao Xuan’s body. Finally, they followed his legs and entered the pond water.

Following the numerous unusual blood light rays entering the pond, the clear water began to gradually turn blood-red. At a glance, it appeared just like a pool of blood. At the same time, Xiao Xuan’s black hair began to gradually turn white. His face had also become old.

Xiao Yan’s expression changed when he saw this change. He was just about to speak when Xiao Xuan, who was still in the pond, slowly shook his head. He smiled and said, “Back then, I used all of my strength to preserve some of the Dou Di bloodline, and I used many techniques to seal

it. All that I was hoping for was to once again create a clan member who possessed the bloodline strength...

“The current me is only a remnant soul. All I can do is drift in this Heavenly Tomb. The matter of revitalizing the Xiao clan can no longer be completed by me... however, the heavens do not wish for my Xiao clan to end. I believe that you will do better than me.”

Xiao Yan felt an ache in his heart when he looked at the aging Xiao Xuan, whose eyes had become much gentler. He could sense that this ancestor of the Xiao clan, who had possessed a shocking talent, had carried a big burden.

“This bloodline strength also possesses some of the energy that I had sealed away when I was alive. My descendant... hopefully, you will be able to complete the promise that I have made to the members of the Xiao clan back then!”

Chapter 1361: Changing Blood

The clear pond water became blood-red following the pouring in of the blood light. In the end, a dense wave of the smell of blood drifted out. An extremely frightening energy also slowly formed...

Xiao Yan, who was standing beside the pond water, sensed the terrifying strength within. Not only did he not feel any discomfort, but the blood within his body had begun to rapidly rotate at this moment. He appeared to sense an extremely great desire from it.

“This is the Xiao clan’s bloodline strength, huh...”

Xiao Yan clenched his hands. This kind of strength should have left the Xiao clan. It is unexpected that he was still able to sense it at this moment.

“Xiao Yan, enter the blood pool and inherit the last bloodline strength of the Xiao clan...”

Xiao Xuan in the pool, who had turned into a white-haired old man, smiled. His current voice had become extremely hoarse and elderly. However, this elderly feeling vaguely contained a faint hope. The Xiao clan was not completely hopeless. This member of the younger generation of the Xiao clan might not be able to compare to him back then in terms of achievements, but for some unknown reason, he sensed that the challenges he had failed to pass might be completed by his descendant from the younger generation!

Xiao Yan inhaled a deep breath of air as he studied Xiao Xuan’s elderly appearance. He was aware that now was not the time to feel emotional. Xiao Xuan had used such a technique in order to wait for him, turning himself into something that was neither human nor ghost. All he wanted was to pass on the final bloodline of the Xiao clan. The thing that Xiao Yan needed to do now was to not reject it. Instead, he needed to accept it and truly do his best because he was the only hope for this declined clan.

“Xiao Yan ge-ge, be careful...”

Xiao Yan merely inclined his head when he heard Xun Er’s soft voice.

After which, he ceased hesitating. He stepped forward and entered the blood pool. He then slowly walked to the middle of the pool of blood...

The moment Xiao Yan entered the blood pool, the blood in his body began to fluctuate. Numerous flowing strands of blood energy violently pierced his body like many needles. They finally roared through his pores in an extremely barbaric manner and wildly charged through his body.

“Hiss...”

The sudden intense pain caused Xiao Yan’s expression to immediately turn pale. A mouthful of cold air was involuntarily inhaled.

“It might be a little painful in the beginning. The bloodline strength must first wash away the ordinary blood within your body. Only then can it pour the blood with the bloodline strength into you... this is the first step of the inheritance, changing blood.” Xiao Xuan by the side spoke when he saw Xiao Yan’s face swiftly turn pale.

“Aye.”

Xiao Yan nodded. He clenched his teeth and forcefully endured the tearing pain. He could sense that the blood within his body was rapidly disappearing under this intense pain. Soom an extreme frailness swiftly spread, causing his eyelids to involuntarily lower a little.

“You cannot become unconscious! Otherwise, the blood will not be properly washed, and it will not be possible to unleash the bloodline strength to its limit. All the bloodline strength within the members of the Xiao clan has already completely disappeared. Therefore, it is impossible to use gentle techniques to activate it like other clans. We can only use the most overbearing method.” Xiao Xuan sternly cried out when he saw Xiao Yan’s eyelids gradually lower.

Xiao Yan shuddered when he heard Xiao Xuan’s stern cry. He hurriedly focused his mind and bitterly endured the intense pain and his extremely weakened state...

Xun Er, who was beside the blood pool, involuntarily clenched her hands when she saw Xiao Yan’s bitterness. Her heart felt a little ache.

“Ugh, we can only use extraordinary methods because of extraordinary circumstances.” Xiao Xuan sighed. After which, he sat beside the blood pool. The time required to change blood was quite long. In other words, the pain that Xiao Yan had to endure would last for a long time.

Time swiftly flowed by in the quiet large hall and ten days passed in the blink of an eye. Xiao Yan had been soaking in this blood pool for these ten days. Following the clearing of his blood, the current Xiao Yan had turned into an extremely skinny and frail skeleton. His expression was so pale that it was frightening. If a weak breath wasn't still existing his nostrils, no one would have treated him like he was alive.

Xun Er observed the changes in Xiao Yan during these ten days from beside the blood pool. Her heart felt as though it was being cut by a blade. Anyone's heart would feel terrible after watching one's beloved turn into a skeleton one step at a time with one's own eyes.

Xiao Xuan was calmer while watching the changes of Xiao Yan, but his heart was still a little worried. Changing blood possessed some inherent risk since the person changing blood was at one's weakest. If one's mental strength was not strong, one would descend into a dangerous state. Should that final breath be swallowed, that person would truly turn from being on one's last breath into a dead person...

“Boom!”

While the two of them waited with complicated emotions, the calm blood pool suddenly emitted a slight sound after twenty days. Many bloody bubbles surfaced in the blood pool and burst apart. At the same time, a blood-colored swirl formed. Xiao Yan, who was so skinny that he was hardly any different than a skeleton, was at the middle of this swirl.

“The blood changing has succeeded... once the blood that possesses the bloodline strength pours into Xiao Yan's body, Xiao Yan will gain the final bloodline strength of the Xiao clan...”

Xiao Xuan appeared to have been relieved of a big burden. He sighed in relief after witnessing the changes. Both of his hands formed a seal, and a blood-colored light shot into the blood pool.

“Fizz fizz.”

The blood pool appeared start boiling when this blood light shot into it. Blood bubbles continued to rise. At the same time, traces of a mysterious bloody liquid were separated out. Finally, they climbed Xiao Yan’s body, followed his pores and continued to pour in.

Following the pouring in of the blood that was filled with a mysterious energy, Xiao Yan’s extremely pale skin gradually displayed a sleek redness. His dry skin slowly began to recover.

As the situation gradually turned for the better, Xun Er sighed in relief. She softly inquired, “Elder Xiao Xuan, is there still some energy that you sealed back then in the blood pool? If this energy is completely absorbed by Xiao Yan ge-ge, his strength would suddenly soar, right?”

“Aye...” Xiao Xuan nodded. He glanced at Xun Er and smiled as he said, “I know what you are thinking. This increase in strength that relies on external forces might pose a great hindrance when advancing to the Dou Sheng class if they are not properly controlled. However, Xiao Yan should be aware of this already. Therefore, he will choose the most rational method... believe in him.”

Xun Er quietly nodded. Her heart was indeed a little worried. The energy that Xiao Xuan had left behind would be extremely great. The energy would be enough to allow Xiao Yan to soar to the peak of the Dou Zun class in an instant, but if this happened, the chances of Xiao Yan advancing to the Dou Sheng class in the future would become negligible. It was not worth it in the long term. However, this worry was not overwhelming. Given her understanding of Xiao Yan, he was usually rational. He was quite cautious about this kind of external energy. It was possible to tell that he was prepared for this matter from the way he would rarely allow himself to consume medicinal pills that could increase his strength despite being an alchemist.

“Next, let’s just wait for the change of blood to complete. It is likely that this will take a long time...”

Xiao Xuan softly spoke. He slowly shut his eyes. Xun Er by the side also

nodded. She once again stared at the blood pool. After failing to see any unusual changes, she finally relaxed and entered her training state.

The ancient hall was completely silent. Only the bubbling sound of the blood continued to reverberate. One mouth quickly passed amid this silence...

“Fizz...”

Blood bubbles continued to churn within the pool. Xiao Yan’s skin had recovered its past appearance and looked like it was filled with life. One could still see a countless number of blood strands surging out from around him as they poured into his body. Following the pouring in of this energy, Xiao Yan’s aura gradually soared.

“Bang!”

This silence continued for an unknown period. At a certain moment, the blood bubbles churning within the pool suddenly stilled as an explosion sounded, causing a blood fog to scatter in all directions. A cluster of purple-golden light strangely spread from Xiao Yan’s body and blocked the blood traces...

This sudden unexpected change caused Xun Er and Xiao Xuan beside the blood pool to open their eyes. They were stunned when they saw what was happening.

“What is this?”

Xun Er was startled as she stared at the purple-golden light. She could vaguely sense an extremely noble and mysterious aura radiating from Xiao Yan. She had never sensed this kind of aura before.

Xiao Xuan also frowned as he studied this purple-golden light. His eyes revealed an expression of contemplation. It was a long while later before he slapped his hands together. A voice that was filled with surprise was emitted from his mouth.

“Dragon Phoenix bloodline strength? Why did this legendary thing appear in Xiao Yan’s body?”

Chapter 1362: Blood Fusion

“Dragon Phoenix bloodline strength?”

Xun Er was also startled when she heard Xiao Xuan’s stunned voice. She asked somewhat uncertainly, “What is this thing?”

Dragon Phoenixes had rarely appeared on the Dou Qi continent’s history. Hence, even though Xun Er was a member of the Gu clan, she was still extremely unfamiliar with this term.

Xiao Xuan also revealed a surprised expression in his eyes as he studied Xiao Yan in the blood pool. It was difficult for him to imagine that there was still such a thing hidden within Xiao Yan’s body. It should be known that a legendary existence like the Dragon Phoenix was something that even he had never personally seen.

“A Dragon Pheonix is a mysterious creature that possesses the bloodline of the Ancient Void Dragon and the Ancient Heavenly Phoenix. This is the true supreme creature of the Magical Beast world. However, they have only appeared a few times. Even I have never personally seen such an existence.” Xiao Xuan slowly explained.

“A mysterious creature that possesses both the bloodline of the Ancient Void Dragon and the Ancient Heavenly Phoenix?” Xun Er knit her brows. She was aware that Zi Yan’s actual body was an Ancient Void Dragon, but she had never heard of when Xiao Yan had communicated with an Ancient Heavenly Phoenix, an ancient Magical Beast that had disappeared a long time ago.

“I am also not aware of just where this Dragon Phoenix bloodline strength came from...” Xiao Xuan spoke somewhat helplessly. “From the looks of the situation, it seems that the removal of blood earlier did not remove this Dragon Phoenix bloodline strength. As more of the Xiao clan bloodline strength surged into Xiao Yan’s body, the Dragon Pheonix bloodline could not endure the pressure involuntarily erupted...”

“Will this have an impact on Xiao Yan ge-ge?” Xun Er frowned and asked.

“If we cannot remove the resistance of the Dragon Phoenix bloodline strength, the Xiao clan’s bloodline strength will not merge in Xiao Yan’s body. If it forcefully barges in, it will cause Xiao Yan to be seriously injured.” Xiao Xuan frowned. He felt a headache forming. This Dragon Phoenix bloodline was also extremely powerful. It was comparable to a genuine Dou Di bloodline. Although the strength of this kind of bloodline was not very powerful within Xiao Yan’s body, it could not be underestimated.

“What should we do?” Xun Er asked in a somewhat worried voice.

Xiao Xuan mused for a moment. His eyes shifted to Xun Er as he asked, “Little girl, are you willing to help me or rather Xiao Yan?”

“Elder Xiao Xuan, please state whatever help you need...” Xun Er rolled her eyes. She did not hesitate as she answered him.

“I need some Gu clan bloodline strength!” Xiao Xuan stared intently at Xun Er. A wild heat surfaced in his eyes as he explained, “I know that the bloodline strength of two clans is difficult to merge. This is something that I had personally experienced back then, but it is precisely because of failure that I am aware of why it didn’t work. The two types of powerful bloodline strengths have difficulty reconciling with each other. However, things are different. The strength of this Dragon Phoenix bloodline is not inferior to a Dou Di bloodline. By using it as a mediating item, it might be able to merge the Gu and Xiao bloodline strength. Moreover, it will even be able to resolve some of the problems that the Dragon Phoenix bloodline created...”

“Merging bloodline strength...”

Even with Xun Er’s calmness, her face involuntarily changed when she heard Xiao Xuan’s words. Something like the bloodline strength was viewed as the highest secret in each clan. They would definitely not allow outsiders to obtain it, and with the two of them being Dou Di bloodlines, they were basically in a state of opposition. It was impossible to merge them. If one were to try to forcefully merge them, the results would be quite serious.

“I am aware that this thought is quite crazy. Back then, I have already dabbled with such a thought because I think that the bloodline of a Dou Di might be able to allow the descendants of the Dou Di to possess an extraordinary talent, but this bloodline inheritance has definitely caused some things to be lost or go missing... it is precisely because of this lack of something that the experts within these ancient clans who can reach the Dou Di class end up diminishing. The process also becomes more difficult...” Xiao Xuan appeared to be aware of the thoughts within Xun Er’s heart. He shook his head and explained his plan.

“I have experimented with it back then, but ended up failing... since that time, I have never mention such a thing. However, now... is perhaps an opportunity.”

Xun Er looked at Xiao Xuan’s elderly face before once again looking at Xiao Yan in the blood pool. Xiao Yan’s eyes remained shut. She hesitated for a moment before finally sighing softly and saying, “Elder Xiao Xuan, are you really confident?”

“Eighty percent!” Xiao Xuan mused a moment before replying.

Xun Er once again hesitated for a moment after hearing this. She clenched his silver teeth gently before she nodded. She said, “Since this is the case, I’ll do as Elder Xiao Xuan says!”

“I shall represent Xiao Yan and the entire Xiao clan to thank you first!” Xiao Xuan cupped his hands to Xun Er with a solemn expression as he thanked her in a deep voice.

Xun Er could only smile when she witnessed Xiao Xuan’s great politeness. If it wasn’t for Xiao Yan, she would definitely not agree to Xiao Xuan’s crazy request. She understood in her heart that Xiao Yan possessed a great number of enemies from powerful factions. If he wished to be victorious over them all, he would need to possess a powerful strength. Should the so-called bloodline merger succeed, it would undoubtedly help Xiao Yan on his path.

Xun Er inhaled a gentle breath of air. Her hand rapidly formed a couple of mysterious seals before her nail gently cut her jade-like wrist. A trace of

blood appeared. Droplets of fresh blood slowly dripped down from her palm before falling into the blood pool.

As these fresh blood drops fell into the blood pool, the fluctuations of pool slowly came to a halt. A five-foot-large hollow area was swiftly formed. The blood that had fallen from Xun Er's hand gathered in that hollow area. At this moment, the blood did not scatter. Instead, it continued to gather before turning into a fist-sized blood ball that floated on the blood pool...

"Elder Xiao Xuan. This is the most blood of the bloodline that I can take out. If I continue taking more out, it will affect my bloodline grade. Should the clan sense this matter, they will definitely connect it to Xiao Yan ge-ge. At that time, his situation will become even more dangerous." After another drop of blood rolled down her wrist, Xun Er rapidly rubbed her hand over it. The blood immediately halted. Only then did she lift her somewhat pale face as she softly informed Xiao Xuan.

"It is already enough, thank you."

Xiao Xuan once again cupped his hands to Xun Er. He was once the clan head of the Xiao clan. Naturally, he understood just what kind of great risk Xun Er took by being willing give some Gu clan bloodline strength to Xiao Yan. This bloodline strength might seem like only a little, but Xun Er would need to train for two years to replenish it. This favor was indeed magnanimous.

Xun Er slightly shook her head. Her pretty eyes looked at Xiao Yan in the blood pool. His eyes were still tightly shut. A gentle and pretty smile surfaced on the corner of her mouth, but she did not say anything.

"You should take a good rest first. Leave the remaining things to me. Relax, I will definitely hand you a Xiao Yan ge-ge, who is even more perfect..."

Xiao Xuan fondled his snow-white beard and laughed. After which, his eyes landed on the blood pool. Both of his hands formed numerous seals with lightning-like speed. A low cry was emitted from his mouth at the same time, "Agglomerate!"

After Xiao Xuan's low cry sounded, the blood pool rapidly began to rotate. A whistling sound started to hum, but not even a little drop of pool water spilled out. Xiao Yan stood at the middle of this swirl. His body was like an unmoving stone statue.

With the increase in the intensity of the rotating blood pool, a purple-golden light spread over Xiao Yan's body. It appeared to have been suppressed as it gradually became much dimmer.

"Chi!"

While the purple-golden light became dim, a blood ball half-a-fist large suddenly shot out of the rapidly rotating blood. It broke through the purple-golden light with lightning-like speed and heavily struck Xiao Yan's chest. The moment it did so, the blood ball swiftly merged into Xiao Yan's body at a rapid speed.

Xiao Yan's body suddenly began to tremble after the blood ball sank into it. Numerous tiny blood symbols began to shoot out of his skin. Within the blink of an eye, they dyed him red with blood.

Xun Er's face immediately turned pale when she saw Xiao Yan's body. However, Xiao Xuan merely inhaled a deep breath of air. His hand seal once again changed as the rapidly rotating pool of blood formed many fountains that continuously shot toward Xiao Yan's body. Every time a blood fountain made contact, it would strangely enter Xiao Yan's body.

With an increasing amount of violent blood pouring into Xiao Yan, the two different bloodline strengths began to erode each other in Xiao Yan's body like an all out battle. It seemed like they would not give up unless they destroyed the other party.

"Roar!"

While the two Dou Di bloodline strengths were eroding each other, the Dragon Phoenix bloodline strength that was hidden in a certain part of Xiao Yan's body surged out after being urged by Xiao Xuan. A soul-stirring dragon roar and phoenix cry vaguely sounded.

The Dragon Phoenix bloodline strength charged into the two eroding

Dou Di bloodlines as the third party. The three types of bloodline strengths merged together. This, along with Xiao Xuan's perfect control, caused the two types of strength to weaken...

The three types of bloodline strengths formed a thri-colored blood cluster under Xiao Xuan's control. This mysterious cluster continued to rotate and the three types of bloodlines began to show signs of merging...

The progress was excruciatingly slow. It lasted for an entire month. After the month was up, the rotation suddenly came to a halt. A mysterious purple-red slowly flowed out of the sphere...

This kind of bloodline was a completely new bloodline strength. It was a type of bloodline that fused two Dou Di bloodlines and the Dragon Phoenix bloodline!

Chapter 1363: One And A Half Years

A purple-red blood slowly flowed out of the sphere and gathered together. A moment later, a thumb-sized purple-red crystal quietly appeared. After which, it quickly moved before transforming into a purple-red light that ruthlessly shot into Xiao Yan's heart.

Xiao Yan's body violently trembled when that purple-red crystal shot into his heart. Fortunately, that crystal ended up merging with his heart in a mysterious way. Once it merged with his heart, threads of purple-red light were emitted, causing his heart to beat with greater strength...

"Bang!"

The blood pool in the outside world suddenly exploded the moment the purple-red crystal shot into Xiao Yan's heart. A blood fog scattered in all directions, spreading over a large portion of the hall...

Xun Er was seated beside the blood pool. The blood fog that drifted over automatically disappeared when it was five feet away from her, but her eyes did not move because of this. They continued to stare at Xiao Yan in the pool, whose eyes were still tightly shut. Her hands were tightly clenched because of her anxiousness.

"Hu..."

Xiao Xuan by the side heaved a long sigh. A wild joy surfaced within his eyes as both of his hands rubbed against each other. He muttered in excitement, "Success... it has really succeeded..."

"Elder Xiao Xuan!"

Xun Er's tensed heart finally relaxed when she saw Xiao Xuan's excitement. She hurriedly called out.

Xiao Xuan swiftly recovered his calm after hearing Xun Er's cry. He smiled at her and spoke as though he had been relieved of a huge burden. "Success... three types of bloodlines have successfully been merged..."

Xun Er's face, which had been strained for a month, finally revealed an enchanting smile when she heard Xiao Xuan confirm what he said. The

huge rock that had pushed on her heart completely vanished. Too many unexpected changes had occurred during this one month. Even with her resolve, she still felt her soul stir with every change. Any slight mistake during these changes would have been unacceptable.

Xiao Xuan wiped the cold sweat off of his forehead. Xun Er had been worried, but he hadn't been calm either. Xiao Yan was the only hope of revitalizing the Xiao clan. Xiao Xuan valued this seedling even more than anyone else. If any mishap befall Xiao Yan, he would become the true sinner of the Xiao clan.

"The bloodline has been successfully merged... however, there is only a small amount of Gu clan bloodline and Dragon Phoenix bloodline. This, this new bloodline strength will not be able to spread all over Xiao Yan's body at the moment. Hence, the only possible place to stick this bloodline is deep within his heart where he can gradually cultivate it. Once there is a sufficient amount of this newly formed bloodline strength, when it flows all through Xiao Yan's bloodline, it will finally have fully matured... at that time, whether Xiao Yan can break through the Dou Sheng class and advance to the Di class, which no one has reached in a thousand of years, will depend on Xiao Yan's fate." Xiao Xuan looked at Xiao Yan in the blood pool and slowly spoke.

Xun Er nodded. Although the quantity of this newly formed bloodline was small, it could be considered a seed. Now that this seed had been planted, what they needed to do was to wait for this seed to grow into a truly towering tree... at that time, the Dou Qi continent would tremble because of him.

"Next, let's wait for him to completely inherit the energy that I have left behind. This will take quite a while. You should quietly train here during this period of time. The energy here is the densest in the Heavenly Tomb and will allow you to gain much."

Xiao Xuan glanced at the blood pool where wave after wave of dense solid-like energy was present deep within the blood pool. It continuously flowed into Xiao Yan's body. Xiao Xuan clearly understood that the current Xiao Yan was beginning to absorb the energy that he had left

behind.

“Aye.”

Xun Er gently nodded. Her pretty eyes stared at Xiao Yan in the blood pool for a moment. Only after seeing that nothing was amiss did she relax. She slowly shut her eyes and entered her training state.

Xiao Xuan smiled after seeing Xun Er enter her training state. He looked at Xiao Yan in the blood pool and softly muttered, “This little fellow does possess a great charm...”

Being the former clan head of the Xiao clan, Xiao Xuan naturally understood that a member of the ancient clan who possessed a divine bloodline would gradually approach a perfect state of mind as they became older. Under such perfection, they would seldom possess any special feelings for the opposite sex. Hence, his heart was full of disbelief that Xun Er would do so much for Xiao Yan.

However, he was unaware that the beginning of the feelings between the two had started to brew when they were very young...

After completely resolving the problem of the bloodline in Xiao Yan’s body, Xiao Xuan couldn’t do anything else since everything else that needed to be done was Xiao Yan’s responsibility. If he were to continue helping, he would really hinder Xiao Yan in an effort to help. That would not benefit Xiao Yan.

It was just as Xiao Xuan had mentioned. Xiao Yan took quite a long time to absorb the energy that he had left behind. During this time, Xun Er, who had become a little weak after losing quite a lot of essence blood, swiftly entered her training state. Hence, the entire large hall had become dead quiet. Fortunately, Xiao Xuan was used to such an atmosphere after all these years. He did not feel lonely...

Time swiftly flowed by like the sand between one’s fingers amid this quiet atmosphere...

Time flew and in the blink of an eye, one year had already trickled by in this ancient hall...

Xun Er had spent most of this one year training. The energy here was the richest in the Heavenly Tomb. Hence, she had gained a lot during this one year. Not only did she recover over half of the bloodline strength that she had exhausted, even her aura had become a little stronger. Of course, at this level, the increase in her strength had already become very slow. At the very least, this slow speed was still significantly faster within this tomb.

When Xun Er occasionally woke from her training, she would study Xiao Yan, who was statue-like in the blood pool. Xiao Yan did not show the slightest sign of opening his eyes during this one year. The extremely rich energy also appeared to be endless as it continuously poured into his body. Although the pouring in of the energy was extremely frightening, Xun Er did not feel stunned because she knew that only when the final cluster of energy poured into Xiao Yan's body would it truly erupt!

During this one year, Xiao Xuan guarded the blood pool without leaving. He watched the blood pool gradually become clearer as Xiao Yan absorbed it. The smile on his face also became richer. After all, this was the only fortune that he could give Xiao Yan...

Time quickly flowed by while Xun Er formed a cycle between being awake and training. Fortunately, it was possible to tell from the clearing pool that the majestic energy contained within it had diminished as Xiao Yan absorbed a little at a time...

The blood pool became even clearer. Around a year and a half after Xiao Yan had entered the blood pool, the final thread of blood color completely disappeared. At this moment, the pond once again recovered its clear and serene appearance from when Xiao Yan had first arrived.

The moment the final trace of energy poured into Xiao Yan's body, Xiao Xuan and Xun Er appeared to have sensed something. They opened their eyes at almost the same time, and they stared at Xiao Yan, who still had his eyes shut.

Xiao Yan did not show any changes as the two of them looked at him. Even his breathing was as calm as ever. However, Xiao Xuan and Xun Er

were naturally able to sense the frightening energy within Xiao Yan's body. It was like a volcano that was about to erupt...

“Bang!”

This silence continued for around half an hour. That pond, which was so calm that it was void of even the slightest ripple, suddenly exploded like thunder. An enormous water pillar shot out and scattered into the air. A torrential storm came pouring down.

Xiao Xuan and Xun Er ignored the storm that came pouring down. Their eyes did not blink as they locked onto Xiao Yan.

“His aura has begun to soar...”

Xiao Xuan's face twitched as he opened his mouth to inform Xun Er.

“Bang!”

Xiao Xuan's words had just sounded when a vast and mighty aura suddenly surged out of Xiao Yan's body. This aura began to rapidly soar at a frightening speed.

“Peak of the sixth star... seventh star... peak of the seventh star... eighth star...”

Xiao Xuan and Xun Er sensed Xiao Yan's soaring aura, which seemed unstoppable. Their expressions had become more and more grave.

“It's already at the ninth star...”

Within less than ten minutes, Xiao Yan's aura had risen from the sixth star to the ninth star. Moreover, this kind of increase still showed signs of continuing.

“It is fast approaching the peak of the ninth star...”

Another two minutes passed. Xun Er's face once again revealed some worry. If Xiao Yan's aura were to stop here, his chances of advancing to the Dou Sheng class would become slim.

Xiao Xuan appeared quite calm, but his knit brows betrayed the anxiety in his heart.

Xiao Yan's aura finally soared to the peak of the ninth star in front of Xiao Xuan and Xun Er's anxious eyes...

"Xiao Yan ge-ge, if this continues, you will completely halt at this level..." Xun Er revealed an anxious expression as she tightly clenched her hand.

Xiao Xuan's face was solemn. If Xiao Yan were unable to resist the temptation of this great increase in strength, his achievements would halt at this point. Losing oneself because of some easily obtained strength would mean that one would not go very far in the future...

"Xiao Yan, you are the last hope of the Xiao clan. Do not disappoint me..."

Chapter 1364: Peak of an Eight Star Dou Zun!

Xiao Xuan and Xun Er's eyes were focused on Xiao Yan as they stood outside of the blood pool. Their faces were filled with a seriousness and a nervousness.

"Xiao Yan, you must not lose your rational thoughts..."

Xiao Xuan tightly clenched his hands. His mouth continued to softly mutter words.

"Bang!"

While Xiao Xuan continued to mutter, a strange muffled sound was suddenly emitted from Xiao Yan's body. The two watched Xiao Yan's face become an extreme purple-red color, and his soaring aura began to rapidly revert.

"Hu..."

Xiao Xuan and Xun Er heaved a sigh of relief when they sensed Xiao Yan's aura rapidly weaken. Fortunately, Xiao Yan had maintained his calm in the face of great temptation.

Xiao Yan's aura quickly diminished. Within a couple of minutes, it had weakened from the peak of the ninth star to around the sixth star. However, this was not something that the previous six star Xiao Yan could compare with. Both were similar levels but there was a significant difference.

"This fellow has suppressed it very ruthlessly... however, this will incur a rebound..."

Xiao Xuan smacked his lips. He did not expect Xiao Yan to suppress his aura from the peak of the ninth star back to the sixth star.

This thought had just flashed within Xiao Xuan's heart when Xiao Yan's aura, which had been suppressed to the sixth star, began to rebound. However, the speed of this rebound was being controlled by Xiao Yan, so it

was a lot slower.

Peak of the sixth star... seventh star... peak of the seventh star... eighth star... ninth star...

Xiao Yan's aura slowly rose, stopping once it had rebounded to the ninth star. However, it did not rise to the peak of the ninth star again.

However, Xiao Yan's expression changed when his aura reached the ninth star. It was forcefully suppressed by him again. This time, the aura could no longer be suppressed any further after reaching the peak of the seventh star.

"The energy is too dense. There will still be a rebound... but this should be the final one." Xiao Xuan nodded as he sensed Xiao Yan's rising and falling aura. From the looks of the current situation, all the changes were under Xiao Yan's control, which made Xiao Xuan a lot less worried. Xiao Yan's performance really satisfied him.

Xun Er by the side also smiled and nodded. The energy that Xiao Yan had absorbed was far too dense, but this density caused the Dou Qi within his body to be too thin. It needed to be compressed in order to allow the Dou Qi to recover its usual denseness.

"Blup blup..."

Bubbles continued to be emitted from the clear pool. Xiao Yan's aura finally showed some signs of rising again after pausing for a moment. Within less than five minutes, it easily broke through the seventh star and reach the eighth star. Finally, it came to a complete stop at the peak of the eighth star.

"Peak of the eighth star..."

Xiao Xuan and Xun Er sighed in relief after sensing Xiao Yan's stabilized aura. His strength had risen by two stars. Fortunately, this level should be within Xiao Yan's control. Xiao Yan had found the most suitable equilibrium in terms of the great increase in strength.

After Xiao Yan's aura completely stabilized, his eyes, which had been shut for one and a half years, finally began to twitch. A moment later, they

were finally opened in front of Xiao Xuan and Xun Er.

“Chi!”

Two purple-red lights shot out of both of Xiao Yan’s eyes like pillars when they were opened. It caused a towering stone pillar within the large hall to turn into dust with a bang.

The light that shot out was slowly diminished a moment later. However, Xiao Yan’s originally dark-black eyes had gained an additional purple-red color, causing them to appear quite unusual.

“Hu...”

A mouthful of hot eroding air followed Xiao Yan’s throat as it was slowly spat out. Upon sensing the ocean-like Dou Qi, a joyous feeling suddenly formed. Immediately, a clear voice that vaguely possessed a dragon roar and phoenix cry bellowed from his mouth.

“Roar!”

The roar was like thunder as it rolled through the hall. It shook the room until it trembled.

“Ha ha, how refreshing!”

The roar reverberated across this hall for a moment before gradually disappearing. Xiao Yan loudly laughed. His hand slammed the surface of the water, and his body rushed out in a flash. He gently landed beside the blood pool. A frighteningly powerful aura that could not be increased any further swept in all directions like a storm.

“Congratulations, Xiao Yan ge-ge.”

Xun Er sweetly smiled and congratulated him when she saw him smoothly exit his retreat.

Xiao Yan grinned and stretched his lazy waist. His hand randomly grabbed in front of him and the space itself appeared dented. After sensing the feeling of being filled with a majestic energy, Xiao Yan was confident that if he fought Gu Yao again, he would be able to defeat Gu Yao within twenty exchanges with no Dou Skills.

A peak eight star Dou Zun, in terms of level, the current him had truly caught up to Gu Yao, Gu Hua, and the rest who were considered the young geniuses of the Gu clan.

“Thank you ancestor!”

Xiao Yan turned to Xiao Xuan by the side, who had become old-looking. With a wave of his sleeve, he unhesitatingly knelt in the direction of his ancestor and thanked him in a deep voice.

Forget about Xiao Xuan’s seniority. Xiao Xuan had turned himself into this state in order to preserve the final bloodline of the Xiao clan and had waited a countless number of years. He was worthy of receiving a kotow from Xiao Yan!

Xiao Xuan smiled in a pleased manner. His eyes were filled with a gentleness as he helped Xiao Yan to his feet. He said, “The Xiao clan has a chance to be revitalized now. My waiting here for so many years was really worthwhile... however, the one you should thank this time around is likely your little girlfriend. If not for her help, you would not have been able to merge the three types of bloodlines.”

Xiao Yan was slightly startled. He turned his head and looked at the smiling Xun Er, but she slowly shook her head at him. Xiao Yan naturally understood her meaning. She did not wish for there to be a clear divide between the two of them. A warmth immediately surged into his heart. What else could a man wish for after gaining such a woman.

“Xiao Yan, currently, a new bloodline seed has been planted deep within your heart. You need to protect it properly. Do not let any mishaps befall it. It will play a critical role in determining if you will reach the Dou Di class...” Xiao Xuan’s expression was solemn as he continued, “If you reach the Dou Di class, the wasted bloodline in the bodies of those members of the Xiao clan will once again be revived, and the bloodline will be even stronger than in the past!”

“This is the only hope to revitalize the Xiao clan!”

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. His hand gently rubbed his chest. It was just possible for him to vaguely feel his strong and powerful heartbeat. Each

time it beat, it seemed to cause the Dou Qi within his body to ripple a little.

“Additionally, you should be careful of the Hun clan. I have come into contact with them many times, and this clan is quite mysterious and strange. Even when the Xiao clan was at its peak, we could only fight equally with them. The Xiao clan had a peak period among the eight ancient clans. At that time, the Xiao clan was the strongest while the Gu clan was the second. However, the Hun clan was the most unusual...”

“Based on my guess, the strength of the Hun clan is likely a little stronger than even the Gu clan...” Xiao Xuan’s expression was solemn. Back then, the Xiao clan had engaged in a big battle with the Hun clan and had roped in many helpers. However, they were ultimately unable to gain much. This was enough to prove how powerful the Hun clan was. Moreover, the Hun clan had a long history, but it appeared that its bloodline hadn’t been exhausted. This was something that Xiao Xuan had never understood, but he was ultimately unable to obtain a true answer.

The expressions of Xiao Yan and Xun Er changed when they heard Xiao Xuan’s words. Xun Er was clearly aware of the strength of the Gu clan. The Gu clan had fought with the Hun clan during these years and had won most of the time. Hence, she found it difficult to accept it when she heard Xiao Xuan mention that the Hun clan could be stronger than the Gu clan.

“The Gu clan is indeed the most stable clan among the eight clans. However, the Hun clan is far too mysterious... there is hardly anyone in this world who truly understands them...” Xiao Xuan sighed. He waved his hand when he saw Xiao Yan and Xun Er frowning. He said, “In any case, before you reach the Dou Sheng class, you should try to be careful. You possess the Tou She Ancient God’s Jade in your hand. The members of the Hun clan will definitely come and look for you...”

Xiao Yan nodded. He clearly understood in his heart that regardless of whether it was because of a grudge between the two clans or some other personal issues, those fellows from the Hun clan would definitely not let him off easily, but it was impossible to shrink back for any reason. He would definitely not submit before he truly reached that final step, even if

his opponent was the most mysterious Hun clan among the eight ancient clans!

“It has already been two years since you have entered the Heavenly Tomb. There is still around a year left before you will be sent out. You should train more during this one year and get used to your strength that has soared...” Xiao Xuan patted Xiao Yan’s shoulder. He immediately clenched his hand and a scroll with various flame drawings appeared in his hand.

“This is the complete version of the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change. It also possesses the final step. If you successfully learn it, you will succeed in creating the clan tattoo. If the bloodline strength is used in union with it, it will unleash the strength of the clan tattoo to its limit.”

Xiao Yan’s eyes immediately landed on the scroll when he heard Xiao Xuan’s words. A heat surged within his eyes. The completed version of the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change had finally landed in his hands.

Chapter 1365: Activating the Clan Tattoo

Xiao Yan's eyes were fiery hot as he received the scroll full of fire symbols from Xiao Xuan's hand. He hesitated for a moment before suddenly asking, "Ancestor, since the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change was created by you, you should have also been in possession of a Heavenly Flame back then, right?"

Xiao Xuan smiled and nodded when he heard this question. He sighed, "Back then, I, too, possessed three types of Heavenly Flames. However, I blew up the three types of Heavenly Flames after that final battle..."

Xiao Yan's eyelids involuntarily twitched when he heard this. His heart contained a shock that he could not hide. Xiao Xuan was actually forced to the point of exploding the three types of Heavenly Flames. One could imagine just how dangerous that situation was... however, the thing that caused Xiao Yan to feel somewhat uncertain was how Xiao Xuan could control three types of Heavenly Flames given that it was unlikely that he had practiced a Qi Method like the Flame Mantra.

"Ha ha. The Qi Method that you practice is indeed very powerful. Although it is not the highest class Qi Method that I have seen, its growth potential is quite frightening. Relying on swallowing a Heavenly Flame to obtain strength is undoubtedly walking on the tip of a blade. This kind of Qi Method is dangerous and overbearing..." Xiao Xuan smiled and spoke after having understood what Xiao Yan was thinking in his heart. "When I controlled three types of Heavenly Flames back then, I was using my strength to forcefully control them. I did not swallow and refine them. Someone who had reached that stage could forcefully suppress even Heavenly Flames."

Xiao Yan nodded. No wonder, Xiao Xuan had used the most overbearing method to control the three types of Heavenly Flames. Given his strength back then, it was possible to suppress the three types of Heavenly Flames.

"The Qi Method that you practice is most suitable for the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change. After swallowing and refining them, you can already

use these Heavenly Flames to the pinnacle. There is not even the slightest resistance. This is something that even the me back then was unable to do.” Xiao Xuan smiled as he continued. “Since you have obtained the complete version of the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change, you should study it properly. Try to successfully train and create the clan tattoo before leaving the Heavenly Tomb.”

Xiao Yan nodded and did not say much. He turned around and briefly chatted with Xun Er. After which, he sat down and placed the scroll on his brows. He absorbed the large amount of information within it into his mind...

This absorption continued for a moment. Xiao Yan slowly opened his eyes and a solemn expression surfaced on his face.

“Skyfire Three Mysterious Change! First Change! Second Change! Third Change!”

Suddenly, Xiao Yan’s hands formed some seals with lightning-like speed. The Skyfire Three Mysterious Change was completely activated within a short few seconds. At the same time the aura within Xiao Yan’s body also soared...

A searing hot violent Dou Qi swiftly circulated around Xiao Yan’s body. Wave after wave of heat slowly seeped out and entered his blood vessels. The flow of blood within his veins suddenly became faster. With his outstanding Spiritual Perception, Xiao Yan could sense a mysterious energy rapidly shuttling within his blood vessels. Its destination appeared to be his brows!

While the mysterious energy within Xiao Yan’s body was shuttling around, some natural lines gradually began to appear on Xiao Yan’s brows in the outside world. Soon after the first appeared, there seemed to be another line following close behind.

“Chi!”

A slight sound was suddenly emitted from Xiao Yan’s body when the third line appeared, and those mysterious lines that had just appeared gradually disappeared.

Xiao Yan's eyes opened when those lines disappeared. He frowned. Some doubt appeared in his eyes. Clearly, he did not understand the reason for his failure.

"The clan tattoo of the Xiao clan is divided into nine strokes. You only formed three strokes earlier..." Xiao Xuan by the side spoke in an indifferent manner. "The final step after executing the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change is to draw the clan tattoo. Although the clan tattoo is always in your body, you need to activate it... drawing the clan tattoo will require an extremely great amount of Dou Qi and exquisite control. The current you has just experienced a sudden increase in your strength. Clearly, you have yet to reach the stage where you can truly control it at will..."

"The exhaustion from just these three strokes is already terrifying... will anyone dare to activate the clan tattoo when fighting with another?" Xiao Yan bitterly laughed.

"As long as you activate the clan tattoo, you will no longer need to exhaust such an enormous amount of Dou Qi to form the strokes. All you need to do is think about it and you will be able to unleash the clan tattoo... as the saying goes, the start of everything is difficult. This activation of the clan tattoo is the hardest step..." Xiao Xuan explained with a smile as he waved his hand. "Alright, continue. Being able to draw three strokes on the first attempt is already quite good. Calm your heart and control your Dou Qi perfectly. Only then will you be able to perfectly draw the nine strokes."

Xiao Yan merely nodded when he heard Xiao Xuan's urging. He threw a helpless pair of eyes at Xun Er while she covered her mouth and softly laughed. She returned an expression that suggested she could not do anything to help.

"Hu..."

Xiao Yan inhaled a deep breath of air. He quickly calmed his emotions and adjusted himself a little. Subsequently, he once again began to form the clan tattoo!

“Skyfire Three Mysterious Change!”

The difficulty of forming the clan tattoo had exceeded Xiao Yan’s expectation. He had originally thought that this thing would be easy. However, it was unexpectedly this troublesome. These short few strokes possessed an incredibly harsh requirement in terms of Dou Qi control. At this moment, Xiao Yan finally understood just how tragic it was for the Xiao clan compared to an ancient clan like the Gu clan, where the clan tattoo was bestowed by the elders of the clan.

Fortunately, there was still plenty of time in the Heavenly Tomb. Although the progress was a little slow, there would ultimately be a day when he fully succeeded.

Time swiftly flowed by while Xiao Yan was bitterly attempting to draw the clan tattoo. This kind of training might be frustrating, but it did not appearing boring. At times, Xiao Yan would remember Gu Qing Yang and the rest who were outside of the tomb. However, he did not find even the slightest bit of time to be lazy in front of Xiao Xuan’s strict monitoring.

Half a year passed by in a flash amid this bitter and dull training.

A skinny figure sat in the hall that was filled with an ancient atmosphere. His eyes were tightly shut as the aura of his body appeared vast and majestic. At this moment, many strange purple-red lines appeared to be forming because of an invisible pen. Upon closer observation, the eighth stroke showed signs of appearing as a perfect line. From the appearance, a clan tattoo that was emitting a mysterious energy had mostly taken shape....

Xiao Xuan was watching the eighth line form of the clan tattoo on Xiao Yan’s brows. He slowly nodded. Being able to form eight strokes of the clan tattoo within half a year was a speed that could be considered among the top even in the Xiao clan back then. Moreover, Xiao Yan had begun to draw the clan tattoo just after his strength soared. His speed caused the difficulty to significantly rise...

Xiao Xuan had just nodded when he saw a purple-red line slowly start to form on Xiao Yan’s brows.

Xiao Xuan was immediately stunned upon seeing this line. Some surprise quickly flashed across his eyes. “This little fellow is thinking of using the momentum to draw the ninth stroke?”

While Xiao Xuan felt surprised in his heart, the mysterious line on Xiao Yan’s brow was slowly formed in a very stable manner. It did not pause along the way. At a glance, it was filled with a natural beauty...

“This little fellow really surprises people...”

That final line was completed at an extremely slow speed after Xiao Xuan exclaimed in surprise. When the final stroke landed, a mysterious purple-red clan tattoo instantly appeared on Xiao Yan’s forehead!

“Buzz!”

The blood flowing within Xiao Yan’s body suddenly sped up the moment the clan tattoo was formed. A strange voice was slowly transmitted through his blood vessels and body.

“Success...”

A joy flashed over Xiao Xuan’s eyes when he heard the humming sound of the blood vessels.

“Hu...”

Xiao Yan’s tightly shut eyes were suddenly opened when the clan tattoo was formed. A purple-red light surged into his eyes. He gradually got used to the light a moment later. After which, the clan tattoo between his brows slowly disappeared under his skin with just a thought.

“It has finally been successfully activated...”

Xiao Yan gave a long sigh. Although the clan tattoo on his brows had already disappeared, he could sense a mysterious energy light suspended under his brows. By being in possession of this clan tattoo, he would no longer need to activate the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change in the future. With just a thought, this clan tattoo would become a perfect Secret Technique!

Xiao Yan’s body trembled as he stood up. He heard a clear sound being

emitted from his bones, causing him to smile. Half a year of training had not only allowed him to successfully form the clan tattoo, but his control over the Dou Qi in his body once again reached a peak. The current him could truly be counted as Dou Zun at the peak of the eighth star!

“Counting the time, three years should also be up...”

Xiao Yan slowly raised his eyes as he sensed the enormous difference between the current him and the person who had entered the Heavenly Tomb three years ago. He looked outside the ancient hall. Perhaps, it was time to return.

Chapter 1366: The Final Training

“There are still around five days left before three years is up... this Heavenly Tomb trip will come to an end.” Xun Er by the side smiled and spoke as she studied the expression of contemplation on Xiao Yan’s face.

Xiao Yan could not resist sighing softly when he heard this. He did not expect three years to pass in the blink of an eye. Although only half a year had passed in the outside world, they had trained bitterly for three years...

Although the training was bitter and dull, it was fortunate that its effects were unexpectedly good. Xiao Yan had only just advanced to a six star Dou Zun after entering the Heavenly Tomb back then. However, he had reached the peak of an eight star Dou Zun. Adding his many techniques and the clan tattoo, he would be able to fight even a nine star elite Dou Zun. The three years had allowed Xiao Yan to experience a drastic transformation.

“Ha ha, it is also time to leave. Time really flies...”

Xiao Xuan by the side also laughed. His voice contained a faint sadness. The Heavenly Tomb might enable him to live in another form, but it also left him with an endless loneliness. He was like a criminal trapped in a world void of liveliness.

“Ancestor... will you still continue to exist in this manner in the future?” Xiao Yan was silent for a moment before inquiring.

Xiao Xuan softly sighed. He nodded and replied, “This is the price for surviving in another form. We cannot leave the Heavenly Tomb. Once we step out of here, we will instantly vanish. Hence, we can only survive in this world in this manner and endure the loneliness...”

Hearing the faint desolation in Xiao Xuan’s words, Xiao Yan’s heart felt extremely terrible. Xiao Yan and Xun Er had only stayed in this place for three years, and they found that it was difficult to stay longer, yet Xiao Xuan had been stuck in this place for hundreds or even thousands of times longer than them...

“Is there any other way for you to be revived?” Xiao Yan slowly asked.

“Ha ha, I am aware that you are an alchemist... some high tier medicinal pills can indeed revive a person on the brink of death. However, I am a soul that died a countless of years ago. Moreover, this soul is incomplete...” Xiao Xuan smiled and appeared quite open-minded. He patted Xiao Yan’s shoulder and said, “ Little fellow, if you feel terrible in your heart, you should try your best to breakthrough to the Dou Di class. If you can reach that level, you might think of a way to help me escape. However, it is pointless for the current you to think about...”

“The reason that I have endured the loneliness and remained here is not because I wish to be revived. Instead, I had hoped to be able to pass down the bloodline strength of the Xiao clan. I did not want the bloodline strength of the Xiao clan to be buried in this dark Heavenly Tomb with me.”

Xiao Yan inhaled a deep breath of air and suppressed the churning emotions in his heart. He was aware that what Xiao Xuan was saying was true. Even if Xiao Yan really possessed a method to free him, he did not possess the ability to do so...

“Ancestor please rest assured. I will definitely return to the Heavenly Tomb again. However, I will have broken through to the Dou Sheng class the next time I return!” Xiao Yan replied in a deep voice. Although it would be extremely difficult to reach the Dou Sheng class, he would do his best no matter what! [a][b][c] Xiao Xuan smiled in a pleased manner as he studied Xiao Yan’s grave face. He suddenly beckoned with his hand, and Xiao Yan’s Storage Ring shook. A palm-sized light cluster drifted out and stopped in front of Xiao Xuan.

“This is?”

Xiao Yan was slightly startled when he saw the thing that floated out. He could see a fist-sized piece of jade suspended in the light cluster. A mysterious aura was vaguely emitted from it...

“This is the insect queen of the Ancient Devouring Insect. This insect queen has also reached a level equivalent to the Ban Sheng class of

humans, but it is currently in hibernation. Otherwise, you would not have tunneled through the energy wall so easily..." Xiao Xuan smiled and informed them.

"Ban Sheng class insect queen?"

Xiao Yan's face twitched when he heard these words. His hand quickly became a little numb. It was really the case of the ignorant being fearless. If he had known that this thing was that terrifying, he would not have grabbed it out of curiosity.

"No wonder the Ancient Devouring Insects had become crazy after we exited the crystal wall. It was because Xiao Yan ge-ge had brought the insect queen out..." Xun Er curiously glanced at the jade object and laughed.

"If you were allowed to take this thing out and it woke up, the insect queen would quietly enter your body and secretly devour your Dou Qi. Unless an elite Dou Sheng intervened, it would be impossible to find it within your body..." Xiao Xuan explained with a smile.

A cold sweat immediately appeared on Xiao Yan's forehead when he heard this... he had already experienced this once. Even though the current him was no longer his past self, he still did not wish to touch these damn things.

"Fortunately ancestor has sharp eyes. Otherwise, I would have ended up harmed by this damn Devouring Insect Queen..." Xiao Yan spoke with some fear lingering in his heart.

"Ha ha, this insect queen is indeed troublesome. However, it is the best material to make an Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth..." Xiao Xuan smiled. He started to explain when he saw Xiao Yan's uncertain eyes. "The Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth is a kind of special defensive Dou Skill. After refinement, it will be able to take on an armor shape that covers one's body. This thing was most popular during the ancient times. Based on my expectations, if this insect is used to refine the Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth, it will likely be able to endure an attack by an elite Ban Sheng without being destroyed..."

“Oh?”

Xiao Yan's eyes brightened when he heard that this unassuming thing could actually endure the attack of an elite Ban Sheng. His body already possessed the Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor. If this Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth was added to it, he should be able to retain his little life even if he were to endure a blow from an elite Dou Sheng, right?

“You can rest assured. Leave the refinement of this thing to me. I will hand the Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth to you before you leave...” Xiao Xuan smiled and said. “The current you should make full use of the time to do another thing...”

“What thing?”

Xiao Yan asked in a startled manner.

“To finish off the two members of the Hun clan. After suffering such a great loss, one cannot just forget about it, right? A member of the Xiao clan is not magnanimous.” Xiao Xuan spoke with a faint smile.

“Hun Ya and Hun Li, huh...” Xiao Yan's eyes shrank after listening to his ancestor. He replied, “How can I forget about those two? However, it is just that I am unaware of where they have hidden to at this moment...”

Xiao Yan's current strength had soared. If he were to face Hun Ya and Hun Li, he would be able to finish the both of them off without having to summon the Sky Demon Puppet. The only living individuals on the Heavenly Tomb were the few of them. This place was filled with danger. Even if those two were to die in this place, it was likely that no one would know. It was really the best location for murder.

“As long as they are still in the Heavenly Tomb, they will not be able to escape my senses...” Xiao Xuan gave a slight grin. He gently waved his hand. The space in front of him fluctuated as a crack line slowly formed

Xiao Yan shook his head. The corner of his mouth was lifted into a dense cold smile. He did not say anything else as he strode forward and entered the spatial crack. Xun Er followed close behind.

Xiao Xuan smiled when he saw the two of them vanish into the spatial

crack. This could be considered Xiao Yan's final training before leaving...

A faint energy fog lingered in the air of this endless land. Energy bodies would occasionally drift by. They were extremely silent, appearing just like ghosts.

A figure wearing a silver armor was seated in the air above a messy rock ruin. Powerful energy spread from its body. Clearly, this figure was an energy body that had reached the nine star level. At this moment, this energy body's eyes were cautiously sweeping the area below. Although not a single person was present, his many years of instincts caused him to feel a hint of danger.

The energy body focused for a long time but it was to no avail, but this nine star energy body had just relaxed when the space around him suddenly froze. Two black chains penetrated empty space with lightning-like speed. They were accompanied by a ringing sound as they rapidly penetrated this energy body. Subsequently, a black figure appeared in the empty space in a flash and grabbed the nine star energy core.

"These energy bodies possess a great energy, but they do not have the slightest fighting strength..."

That black figure randomly put the energy core into his Storage Ring. He raised his head and revealed a ghastly young face. It was surprisingly Hun Ya from back then!

"There are quite a number of powerful energy bodies in the deepest parts of the Heavenly Tomb. However, that fellow is too frightening. It is best to stay away from him..." Another figure appeared soon after. A face covered in frightening scars revealed itself to be Hun Li.

"Hmph, it is unexpected that there is an expert from the Xiao clan in this Heavenly Tomb. That bastard Xiao Yan really has quite good luck..." Hun Ya's eyes were shady. He continued in a dense voice, "We are leaving the Heavenly Tomb soon. Remember to use the spatial jade token to leave once we get out. If any news spreads, the Gu clan will definitely hold us back. As for Xiao Yan, hmph, once we have the opportunity in the future, I will naturally lead some people to eliminate the Falling Star Pavilion along

with him!”

Hun Li slowly nodded. A rich killing desire filled both of his eyes. They had been subdued by Xiao Yan ever since they had entered the Heavenly Tomb. How could these two proud fellows accept this outcome?

“There is no need to wait until next time. Would it not be a lot easier to resolve things now? You two, aren’t I right...”

However, a mysterious ripple suddenly appeared when Hun Li nodded. A soft laughter slowly spread as two figures stepped onto empty space. They appeared with smiling faces while Hun Ya and Hun Li appeared gloomy...

[a]It says Dou Sheng here, but a couple of paragraphs before it talked about breaking through to the Dou Di class before he could do anything to help here.

[b]Correct but he can’t be saying “I will have broken through to the Dou Di class” when there has not been a Dou Di for more than a thousand years

[c]I see. Could we add at least to the text to let the reader know that he will attempt for more? Right now, it seems weird to mention Dou Di and then only say he will come as Dou Sheng.

Chapter 1367: Kill

“Xiao Yan?”

Hun Ya's and Hun Li's expressions slowly darkened when they saw the two figures steadily walk out of the void.

Xiao Yan gently stretched his body. He and Xun Er were suspended in the air. His eyes were looking at the Hun duo below in a slightly teasing manner as he said, “It has been two years since we last met. Looks like the both of you have not been doing very well.”

Hun Ya's expression was gloomy. His eyes suddenly swept around him, but his heart quietly sighed in relief after failing to find that mysterious expert from back then. He coldly laughed, “Xiao Yan, you should not be overly arrogant. Even if I cannot get rid of you in the Heavenly Tomb, you will sooner or later be a homeless stray once we leave this place.”

“Since that is the case... I should get the both of you to remain here forever. I think that given the strength of the both of you, you should be able to become eight star energy bodies right?” Xiao Yan faintly smiled. However, his words caused a chill to rise within Hun Ya and Hun Li's bodies. Eight star energy bodies were basically lowly existences in the third level of the Heavenly Tomb. If the two of them were to become that existence, it would be much better to simply die.

“You really think too highly of yourself!”

Hun Ya's duo narrowed their eyes. Their tones were dark and sinister. After having exchanged blows the last time, they understood that they were unable to easily defeat Xiao Yan and Xun Er. However, Xiao Yan's group did not have the ability to stop them if they wished to escape.

“Is that so...”

Xiao Yan grinned and softly wondered aloud.

“Just what qualifications do you, trash from the declined Xiao clan, have to act arrogantly in front of us? If you hadn't been relying on a woman's strength, you would have already died many times over!” Hun Li coldly

ridiculed. The murderous desire in his eyes appeared extremely dense. If he wasn't afraid of Xun Er, he would have already attacked without control and completely finished off Xiao Yan.

"Do not be impulsive. They naturally possess some confidence to have the courage to appear. Let's withdraw first..." Hun Ya appeared a lot calmer. Although only Xiao Yan and Xun Er had appeared at this moment, he could vaguely feel an uneasiness. He grabbed Hun Li and spoke in a deep voice.

Hun Li hesitated after hearing what Hun Ya had said. He could only unwillingly nod as he chillingly said, "Xiao Yan, you better remember this. The next time we meet will definitely be the time when your Falling Star Pavilion is annihilated!"

Hun Li and Hun Ya flew back after saying those words. Their eyes cautiously remained on Xiao Yan and Xun Er. The Dou Qi within their bodies began to rapidly circulate.

"I'm afraid that whether or not you can leave is not up to the two of you..." Xiao Yan grinned and softly commented when he saw Hun Ya and Hun Li pulling back. "Leave it to me..." Xiao Yan's body disappeared in a ghost-like fashion after his final word sounded.

An enchanting smile surfaced on Xun Er's face as she watched Xiao Yan disappear. The current Xiao Yan had already reached the peak of an eight star Dou Zun. This kind of level was stronger than the Hun duo. Hence, the present Xiao Yan was sufficient to deal with those two!

"Hmph, you are asking to die!"

Hun Ya and Hun Li sensed something the moment Xiao Yan's body disappeared. A fierce glint flickered in Hun Li's eyes. His body shook abruptly as he clenched his fist, and a cold black fog surged out. It ruthlessly smashed toward the empty space in front of him.

A somewhat illusory body slowly appeared when Hun Li's fist punched at the air. A long arm was extended and gently grabbed Hun Li's fist, which was covered in black fog.

A frightening flame spluttered out of Xiao Yan's palm when the fist and palm collided. The dark cold fog on Hun Li's fist emitted a sizzling sound as it was completely vaporized.

"You have improved so little during these two years. How disappointing."

Xiao Yan's hand was just like a rock. It did not move even a little regardless of how Hun Li struggled. Xiao Yan slowly shook his head as he watched Hun Li's expression change. Xiao Yan shook his arm and strangely bypassed Hun Li's fist before smashing the other party's chest with lightning like speed. A frightening force suddenly erupted like a volcano that had been brewed for a long time upon contact.

"Bang!"

The fierce force made Hun Li's chest quiver. Having suffered such a heavy blow, Hun Li's expression had turned pale in an instant. A mouthful of crimson blood was wildly spat from his mouth. His body flew back like a kite with a broken string. He finally rubbed against the ground and formed a hundred meter gully before slowly coming to a stop.

"Eight star Dou Zun?"

Shock suddenly surged onto Hun Ya's face as he glanced at Hun Li in the gully, who was struggling to climb to his feet. Both of his eyes were filled with disbelief as he looked at Xiao Yan. The aura that had erupted from Xiao Yan earlier had reached the eighth star, and the strength of that aura was much stronger than his!

"How is this possible?"

Hun Ya's mouth twitched. His heart involuntarily let out a roar. During these short two years, the two of them had failed to even increase their strength by one star, yet Xiao Yan had soared from a six star Dou Zun to the eighth star. Hun Ya was really unable to accept this kind of vast difference.

"It is your turn..."

Xiao Yan's eyes landed on the shocked-looking Hun Ya after finishing

off Hun Li with a fast and powerful momentum. He laughed in a faint voice.

Hun Ya clenched his fist when he saw Xiao Yan look over. His pupils became sinister as they stared at Xiao Yan before both of his hands formed numerous seals. With the change of these seals, a mysterious clan tattoo swiftly appeared on his brow.

“Although I am unaware of why your strength has soared, you are still unqualified to retain me!”

Hun Ya’s strength rapidly soared with the appearance of the clan tattoo. The sharp miserable cry of spirits continued to be emitted from his body. Xiao Yan’s strength might have soared to its current level, but it was not enough to cause Hun Ya to panic. Earlier, Hun Li was at a disadvantage because he was careless. He had suffered a fatal blow before he could even activate his clan tattoo. Otherwise, Xiao Yan would not have been able to defeat Hun Li this quickly. Hence, Hun Ya believed that as long as he was a little more careful, it would not be simple for Xiao Yan to retain him.

Hun Ya had no intention of remaining behind to engage in a bitter fight with Xiao Yan despite having summoned the clan tattoo. There was still an even more powerful Xun Er watching menacingly from the side. Once she intervened, Hun Ya knew that he would certainly die. He took advantage of the great rise in his Dou Qi. His body turned, and he transformed into a ray of light that hurried far away.

“Hun Li, you can rest assured that I will help you take revenge a hundred times over for this!” Hun Ya clenched his teeth and spoke while his body was wildly rushing away.

However, Hun Ya’s voice had just escaped his mouth when his swift figure suddenly paused. He lifted his head and his eyes looked a short distance away in a hateful manner. A figure flapping a pair of crystal clear bone wings was standing in the air. That mocking face surprisingly belonged to Xiao Yan.

Seeing the speed of Xiao Yan, which could not be detected, Hun Ya’s heart also sank, but he did not hesitate much. His foot stepped on empty

air and the Dou Qi within his body erupted without being held back. It carried an extremely powerful energy pressure as it rushed toward Xiao Yan.

There was little change in Xiao Yan's face when he saw Hun Ya risking it all. His body did not retreat. He instead took a step forward. His eyes were calm as he watched that swiftly enlarging energy light figure.

"Xiao Yan, die!"

Hun Ya felt a slight joy in his heart when he saw that Xiao Yan was too arrogant to dodge. Having activated his clan tattoo, even an expert Dou Zun at the peak of the eighth star would not dare to clash head-on with him. Xiao Yan was undoubtedly suicidal!

"Chi!"

Hun Ya was extremely swift and fierce. In a flash, he had appeared in front of Xiao Yan. A wild and violent wind pressed on Xiao Yan robes until they fluttered. His right hand was clenched into a fist. The mighty Dou Qi in his body gathered as he ruthlessly threw out a punch!

"Bang!"

After Hun Ya's punch was thrown, the space in front of him collapsed. A five-foot-large black spatial line quickly expanded toward Xiao Yan.

"Xiao Yan, this is the fate of boasting to be more than you are capable of. You should firmly remember it in your next life!"

A punch that contained a terrifying wind swiftly smashed toward Xiao Yan. Regardless of how fast Xiao Yan was, he would not be able to dodge this attack. Hence, a dense cold smile surfaced on Hun Ya's face.

A faint ripple finally rose within Xiao Yan old well-like dark-black eyes. A ridiculing smile was lifted on his face as a purple-red light flickered on his brows. Finally, a mysterious clan tattoo slowly appeared.

"Xiao clan's clan tattoo?"

Hun Ya's heart abruptly trembled the moment this clan tattoo appeared. An unease quietly spread from deep within his heart.

“It’s over...”

Xiao Yan smiled as he studied the dense face in front of him, which was in close proximity. He clenched his right fist, and a turbulent Dou Qi suddenly blasted forth!

“Bang!”

Both of the fists suddenly collided. A frighteningly loud sound exploded like thunder. Many ten-foot-large lines began to spread swiftly on the ground like a spider web.

“Chi!”

A black figure suddenly flew out of the energy storm that raged in the sky. The figure heavily crashed onto the ground. The large rocks in its path were blasted into dust amid many rumbling sounds.

“Grug!”

A mouthful of fresh blood mixed with organ fragments was spat out of Hun Ya’s mouth as he lay within the thick rock dust. He sensed that his life was quickly disappearing from his body. A horror and regret finally surged into his eyes.

A skinny figure was slowly appearing in the sky. Indifferent eyes glanced at Hun Ya below, who was on his deathbed. His head shook as he stepped through the empty air as he slowly walked to that beautiful figure in the distance.

“Relax, there will be even more members of the Hun clan who will accompany you in the future...”

Hun Ya’s eyes gradually succumbed to the darkness as an indifferent voice was softly transmitted to his ears.

Chapter 1368: Leaving the Heavenly Tomb

The space within a silent ancient hall fluctuated slightly. A man and a woman slowly appeared before landing in the hall. They were Xiao Yan and Xun Er, who had killed Hun Li and Hun Ya.

The fight this time around was truly a quick one. Xiao Yan had gone all out during both of his attacks. He had used a swift and ferocious tactic to kill Hun Li followed by Hun Ya!

Hun Ya's duo were eight star Dou Zuns. If they were to join hands, it was likely that even an ordinary nine star Dou Zun would have difficulty finishing off the both of them. However, these two had been caught off-guard, leaving them at a disadvantage. One of them was immediately killed by Xiao Yan. Otherwise, if the two of them truly risked everything, Xiao Yan would have needed to spend a ton of effort to deal with them.

Xiao Yan and Xun Er stayed a couple of days outside after killing Hun Ya and Hun Li. Only then did they return to this ancient hall.

"You have returned..."

Xiao Yan and Xun Er had just appeared in the large hall when Xiao Xuan's figure gradually appeared in front of them. He did not inquire about the trip's result. He clenched his hand and a pale-black glow appeared in it. He randomly tossed it to Xiao Yan. "Take it. This is the Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth. This thing can be worn in your body, and it is able to turn into ordinary clothes at anytime. Although this requires Dou Qi to continue supporting it, it can constantly defend against any attacks..."

Xiao Yan extended his hand and received that cluster of black light. He gently held it and a smooth silk-like feeling appeared in his hand. It was extremely comfortable.

"Drip a drop of essence blood into it and you will be able to store it in your body..." Xiao Xuan smiled and reminded him.

Xiao Yan did as he was told when he heard Xiao Xuan's reminder. He

dripped a drop of essence blood on the black light and the clothe immediately wiggled. It appeared like liquid as it moved over Xiao Yan's hand and merged with his palm.

Once that black light merged with Xiao Yan's body, he immediately sensed a strange energy spreading over his skin like a web. It covered every corner of his body. His heart shook and a faint black light surged out of his skin. It swiftly formed inconspicuous black clothes.

"Is this the Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth... it is indeed mysterious."

Xiao Yan's palm slowly rubbed the black clothes on his body. The soft material gave Xiao Yan an extremely tough feeling. He involuntarily praised the cloth.

"Ha ha, this Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth is something that is a must have for many experts, especially an Insect Emperor Cloth that has been refined from an Insect Queen. Its value will not be any less than a Tian class Dou Skill, and it is a rare object that one can only obtain through luck. After all, a powerful existence like the Insect Queen cannot simply be obtained just because one wishes to." Xiao Xuan fondled his beard and laughed.

Xiao Yan nodded. Although this Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth required Dou Qi to maintain, this exhaustion was not much of a burden for Xiao Yan since he possessed a quasi-Tian class Qi Method. Hence, this Insect Emperor Cloth could continuously remain on his body. Therefore, any unexpected sneak attack could be resolved by it. It would really reduce the amount of trouble he would face.

"After counting the days, you should be leaving the Heavenly Tomb today..."

Xiao Xuan gave a slight smile as he watched Xiao Yan play with the Insect Emperor Cloth. He was quiet for a moment before he suddenly spoke again.

Xiao Yan's eyes shifted away from the Insect Emperor Cloth as he slowly nodded.

Xiao Yan softly sighed, but he did not say anything. In an instant, the atmosphere in the large hall appeared a little solemn.

“Ugh, you will ultimately have to leave. You are the only hope for the Xiao clan...” Xiao Xuan grinned and shook his head. He patted Xiao Yan’s shoulder and laughed, “Little fellow, I will be waiting for you to return to the Heavenly Tomb. At that time, I wish to see if you will disappoint me...”

“Ancestor, please rest assured! Xiao Yan will not have any face to come and see you before I reach the Dou Sheng class!” Xiao Yan spoke in a deep voice.

Xiao Xuan revealed a pleased expression as he slowly nodded.

Xun Er by the side watched the two conversing. She suddenly interrupted a long time later. “Xiao Yan ge-ge, time’s up...”

The two, who were chatting happily, stopped when they heard Xun Er’s words. Xiao Yan was quiet for a moment before cupping his hands to Xiao Xuan before giving him a low bow.

“Ugh, little fellow. The future of the Xiao clan depends on you...” Xiao Xuan smiled and softly stated.

Xiao Yan heavily nodded. He was just about to speak when he suddenly sensed the surrounding space fluctuate. A suction force that could not be resisted was transmitted from the surrounding space. It appeared to be forcefully absorbing the space itself.

“Ancestor, take care! Xiao Yan will definitely find a way to let you escape!”

Upon sensing the powerful suction force, Xiao Yan was aware that three years was up. The Heavenly Tomb was forcefully expelling everyone.

Xiao Yan’s voice had just sounded when a large gap was suddenly torn open. A suction force erupted and fiercely swallowed Xiao Yan and Xun Er...

Xiao Xuan smiled in a pleased manner as he watched the spot where Xiao Yan and Xun Er disappeared. After which, he softly sighed and

muttered, “Ancestors of the Xiao clan, you must definitely bless this little fellow. The destruction or revival of the Xiao clan completely relies on him...”

Numerous figures were suspended in the sky above a lush green mountain range. Their eyes focused on the distorted space.

“Elder Tong Xuan, the three year time limit should be up today, right?” A figure at a certain spot in the sky asked an elder in grayish-brown robes.

“Aye...” Elder Tong Xuan nodded indifferently. His eyes watched the distorted space. His heart was similarly a little anxious. He was clearly aware of the danger within the Heavenly Tomb. If anything untoward happen to those few young individuals from the Gu clan, the Gu clan would really suffer a great loss.

“I wonder who will have experienced the greatest improvement this time...” An Elder of the Gu clan fondled his beard and laughed.

“This will depend on their own fate...”

“.....”

“...”

“Chi!”

While the many figures in the air were chatting with each other, a black spatial mark suddenly cracked open. A few people rushed out in a flash.

“They are from the Lei clan... it seems that they did not suffer much.” The surrounding figures slowly nodded when they saw the two figures who had first appeared. Moreover, the auras of the two were clearly a lot stronger compared to when they had entered the Heavenly Tomb half a year ago. It seemed that they had made significant gains in the Heavenly Tomb.

“Those from the Yao clan have exited... and the Yan clan...”

After those two from the Lei clan, others surfaced from the space one after another. Most of the auras of these people were a lot stronger than before they had entered the Heavenly Tomb, especially the case for one of

the members of the Shi clan. He had advanced from from a seven star Dou Zun to the eighth star. This caused many to feel some envy.

“Chi!”

Another spatial crack appeared in front of everyone’s eyes. Immediately, two figures drifted out under the focus of many eyes. They suddenly fell to the ground the moment they appeared. Some Elders from the Gu clan hurriedly unleashed a gentle force when they saw this. The gentle force lifted the two bodies into the air. At this moment, they discovered that the two figures were completely void of life...

“They are Hun Ya and Hun Li from the Hun clan... the both of them have died in the Heavenly Tomb.”

The expressions of quite a number of people changed when they recognized the bodies. At the same time, Elder Tong Xuan frowned and commented in a deep voice.

All the members of the Gu clan faced each other as they studied the two corpses in the sky. They were quietly gloating in their hearts. The Gu clan was already at odds with the Hun clan. Their hearts would inevitably possess such thoughts when they saw that those two had unluckily died in the Heavenly Tomb.

Huo Xuan and the others, who had entered the Heavenly Tomb with the two of them, were stunned as they looked at the corpses of Hun Ya and Hun Li. They pondered some thoughts. The Heavenly Tomb might be dangerous, but everyone was clearly aware of where they should venture and where they should avoid. However, why did Hun Ya and Hun Li die together?

“It is likely that this matter isn’t so simple...” Huo Xuan softly muttered.

“What do you mean?” Huo Zhi’s thin eyebrows twitched as she asked a question.

“These two were planning on attacking Xiao Yan the moment they entered the Heavenly Tomb. Before all of us gathered, they had exchanged blows with Xiao Yan and Xun Er...” Huo Xuan quietly stated.

“Do you think that Xiao Yan and Xun Er killed the two of them? If the two were to join hands, even a nine star Dou Zun would not be able to stop them from escaping. With Xian Yan’s strength, I’m afraid...” Huo Zhi disagreed.

“Who knows... these two people are not nice characters anyway. It doesn’t matter if they die...” Huo Xuan shrugged his shoulders. His heart suddenly shook and his eyes turned to the space behind him. The space at that spot was slowly torn as four powerful figures slowly walked out. Everyone swept their eyes over these figures and immediately sighed in relief. Those four figures belonged to Gu Qing Yang’s group.

Gu Qing Yang’s group sighed together as they walked out of the spatial crack line and looked at the surrounding lush green mountains. Three years of bitter training was really too unbearable...

“Huh? That’s Hun Ya and Hun Li?”

The eyes of Gu Qing Yang’s group suddenly paused on the two unmoving figures suspended in the sky. They were immediately startled and exclaimed aloud.

“Dead?”

Gu Qing Yang knit his brows and softly commented.

“Who could be so ruthless? He actually killed these two ruthless characters.” Gu Hua cried out in surprise.

The four of them blinked. They faced each other. A moment later, they ended up crying out the same thing. “Xiao Yan!”

“Elder Xiao Xuan did not attack back then. Given his character he definitely felt that attacking these two was disdainful. Moreover, these two people are extremely cunning. It is impossible for them to provoke those energy bodies that they cannot afford to provoke. From this, the only possible answer is that they were killed by their enemies. However, the only ones in the Heavenly Tomb who possess the ability to kill them are the four of us if we attack together. However... we did not. Looking at it this way...” Gu Zhen muttered. “It can only be Xiao Yan and Xun Er...”

“If Hun Ya and Hun Li joined hands, they would be able to fight with a nine star expert. Xun Er might be strong, but it would not be difficult for these two to flee...” Gu Qing Yang frowned as he thought about the situation.

While the group was facing each other, the space in front suddenly rippled. Immediately, a man and a woman stepped on empty air and slowly appeared in front of all the eyes in the area...

“That is... Xiao Yan? What a powerful aura! No wonder...”

Gu Qing Yang’s group’s eyes narrowed when the two figures appeared. They muttered among themselves.

Chapter 1369: Hun Lin

A man and a woman's tall figures slowly stepped out of the empty space in front of a countless number of eyes. After which, they steadily stood in the sky. A gentle breeze blew over and their clothes gently danced. They were just like a pair of immortal lovers...

"Xun Er..."

Elder Tong Xuan and the others studied the green-clothed woman in the sky before sighing in relief. Xun Er was undoubtedly the most important person within the Gu clan. If any accident were to happen to her, they would end up with a great loss that could not be filled.

"That is Xiao Yan, huh... this aura..."

Elder Tong Xuan's eyes paused on Xun Er before suddenly turning to the black-haired young man beside her. After which, his eyes hardened a little, and a surprise appeared within them. With his eyesight, he could naturally sense that Xiao Yan's aura had reached that of an eight star Dou Zun. This was many times stronger than half a year ago!

"His strength has increased by three stars... what frightening speed."

Some Elders faced each other. There was a shock that could not be hidden on their faces. Even though the Heavenly Tomb was mysterious and possessed a unique flow of time, it was quite incredible for one to raise one's strength by three stars during three years. At the very least, it was the first time that they had witnessed someone improve so much, even when compared to the many people that had entered the Heavenly Tomb before.

"Could it be... because of Xiao Xuan's tomb?" Elder Tong Xuan slightly frowned. He was extremely knowledgeable and was aware of how difficult it was to raise one's strength by three stars. After musing for a moment, he thought of the tomb that Xiao Xuan had left behind in the Heavenly Tomb.

Xiao Yan and Xun Er in the sky looked around them while being stared

at by the many pairs of eyes. They deeply inhaled some fresh air. After having been shut within the ancient hall for a long time, the outside world appeared extremely beautiful to them...

“It is unexpected that even Hun Ya and Hun Li’s corpses were sent out.”

Xiao Yan’s eyes suddenly paused on the two corpses suspended in the sky. His brows were lifted unnoticeably as he muttered.

“Ha ha, brother Xiao Yan, it is unexpected that your strength has already reached this stage after just two years...” Huo Xuan led Huo Zhi over with a smile. He arrived while Xiao Yan was muttering to himself. Huo Xuan then cupped his hands together and laughed.

“Brother Huo Xuan has also progressed quite quickly.” Xiao Yan smiled and replied. He could naturally tell that the current Huo Xuan was reaching the peak of an eight star Dou Zun.

“How can I compare with you...” Huo Xuan bitterly laughed. Two years ago, Xiao Yan was merely a six star Dou Zun while he was an eight star Dou Zun. Now, Xiao Yan had reached the peak of an eight star Dou Zun while he had merely advanced from the initial stage of an eight star Dou Zun to a position near the peak of an eight star Dou Zun. If one were to talk about it, he was a little weaker than Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan smiled. He understood that it would have been impossible for his strength to soar this much if he had not obtained Xiao Xuan’s inheritance.

“Congratulations.”

Gu Qing Yang’s group also came over while Xiao Yan was conversing with Huo Xuan. All of them smiled and congratulated Xiao Yan. Xiao Yan smiled and responded to their congratulations.

“These two fellows are really unlucky.” Gu Qing Yang glanced at the two icy-cold corpses suspended in the sky before he suddenly commented.

Xiao Yan’s brows twitched when he heard this. He immediately replied without leaving a trace, “It can be considered retribution.”

Hearing Xiao Yan's response, Gu Qing Yang could guess that the matter of the Hun duo's deaths was likely related to Xiao Yan, especially since his strength had soared. If he joined hands with Xun Er, it was not impossible to kill Hun Ya and Hun Li.

"This matter will likely be a little troublesome. There's someone from the Hun clan guarding here for the appearance of Hun Ya and Hun Li..." Gu Qing Yang softly said.

Xiao Yan's heart shook when he heard these words. He was just about to speak when he suddenly saw two black fogs rushing over from the distant sky like black dragons. They appeared beside those two icy corpses a moment later.

"Hun Ya! Hun Li!"

The two black fogs shook. They transformed into two black-robed old men who stared at Hun Ya and Hun Li's corpses. It appeared as though they were struck by lightning. Neither of them had expected that the two, who had entered the Heavenly Tomb, would actually die!

Those people around also hurriedly pulled back when they saw their eyes redden. They were afraid that these two old men would suddenly turn crazy.

"Hu..."

The two black-robed old men's eyes reddened, and they began to pant like a bull. A moment later, they suddenly exchanged glances. Their eyes suddenly turned and looked at Xiao Yan in the sky. Before Hun Ya and Hun Li had entered the Heavenly Tomb, they were aware that Hun Ya and Hun Li were planning on killing Xiao Yan in the Heavenly Tomb. However, Xiao Yan was currently fine and his strength had even soared. On the other hand, Hun Ya and Hun Li had ended up with a miserable fate. This scene caused them to immediately place their doubts on Xiao Yan.

"Xiao Yan!"

The two of them viciously stared at Xiao Yan. A moment later, one of them was unable to endure any longer. A furious roar that contained a

murderous desire resounded across the sky.

Xiao Yan slid his calm eyes over when he heard the roar. He asked in a faint voice, “Is there anything you wish to say?”

“A life for a life!”

The expression of that black-robed man was extremely gloomy. His sleeve trembled after his final word sounded. A black chain that contained a dark chilly aura penetrated empty air and ruthlessly shot toward Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan’s expression did not change when faced with the black-robed old man’s sudden attack. He took a step forward and extended a flame-covered palm. His hand firmly grabbed the dark-black chain. A purple-brown fire followed the chain and rushed down before attacking the old man!

“Hmph!”

That black-clothed elder coldly snorted when he saw Xiao Yan retaliating. He clenched his fist. The black fog was just like a poisonous dragon as it followed the chain and emitted a roar. It ruthlessly collided with the purple-brown line of fire.

“Bang!”

The fire and black fog exploded upon contact. The powerful force cut through the chain...

The chain exploded in the sky, and a powerful wind swept away from the point of explosion. Xiao Yan’s shoulders shook and the wind was removed. On the other hand, that black-clothed old man staggered back. Clearly, he was at a disadvantage in this exchange.

“Old man, a person should not behave so shamelessly!”

Xiao Yan threw aside the chain in his hand. His eyes were icy-cold as they focused on the black clothed elder. He coldly laughed.

The black-clothed old man stabilized his body. His expression was extremely ugly. The old man’s strength was around an eight star Dou Zun,

but he did not expect Xiao Yan to gain the advantage in his hands.

“Hun Lin, this is the Gu Realm, not your Hun Realm!”

Elder Tong Xuan also frowned as he spoke in a deep voice.

“Hmph, Xuan Tong, members of our Hun clan have lost their lives in this place of yours. All of you share the blame!” That old man who was called Hun Lin furiously cried out.

“Xiao Yan, I think that you should obediently follow me back to the Hun clan. If you are really not the murderer of Hun Ya and Hun Li, we will definitely not make things difficult for you.” The other black-clothed old man coldly cried out.

“Preposterous....” Xiao Yan could not resist laughing out loud when he heard this. These two old fellows were really foolish. They were actually able to say such words.

“Misters, the Heavenly Tomb is filled with danger. No one dares to guarantee that one will be able to smoothly exit it. If you do not have the evidence to prove that Xiao Yan ge-ge is the murderer, please do not randomly attack. This place is after all my Gu clan.” Xun Er’s pretty eyes glanced at the Hun Lin duo as she faintly spoke. “Additionally, this matter is not considered over. Hun Ya and Hun Li once launched a sneak attack on everyone from our Gu clan in the Heavenly Tomb. The two of you will perhaps have to give an explanation for this!”

The many eyes in the sky emitted a ‘swoosh’ sound as they shifted to the two Hun elders when they heard Xun Er’s words. Most of those present were members of the Gu clan. Hence, those eyes vaguely contained some ill intent.

“Hun Lin, is what Xun Er said true?” Elder Tong Xuan’s expression gradually became ugly. He looked at Hun Li and Hun Ya before crying out in a deep voice. Xun Er possessed the divine bloodline. She was undoubtedly the most important person in the Gu clan. If Hun Ya and Hun Li really dared to attack her, he would definitely teach the elders an unforgettable lesson.

The faces of Hun Lin's duo changed when they saw that Xun Er had turned the tables on them. They did not expect Hun Ya and Hun Li to be so bold. They dared to attack Xun Er's group in the Heavenly Tomb, but it was obvious that they must not admit that Xun Er's group was attacked at this moment no matter what. Hun Li coldly cried out, "Hmph, what unreasonable words. You are only trying to clear yourself of suspicion. Today, we are in the Gu Realm and the two of us can indeed do nothing. However, Xiao Yan, you better remember that the Hun clan will definitely take revenge for Hun Ya and Hun Li in the future!"

Xiao Yan's face was calm. He faintly replied, "I will remember your words in my heart."

The eyes of the Hun elders became dark and cold when they heard Xiao Yan's reply. Forget about the members of the Gu clan present. With the increase in Xiao Yan's strength, the two of them would have difficulty capturing him. All they could do was wave their hands and grab Hun Li and Hun Ya's corpses. Their face were furiously green as they turned into two black shadows that rushed to the exit of the Gu Realm.

A cold expression flashed across Xiao Yan's eyes as he watched the two figures grow distant. His eyes swept carefully around him. However, he discovered that the Little Fairy Doctor's group was absent. This discovery caused him to frown. The Little Fairy Doctor's group would definitely leave one person waiting for him unless there were some special circumstances...

"Could it be that something has happened to the Falling Star Pavilion?"

Chapter 1370: Revealing One's Hands

Elder Tong Xuan's body moved as he watched Hun Lin's two-man team grow distant. He appeared in front of Xun Er and asked, "Xun Er, are you alright?"

Xun Er shook her head. Xiao Yan beside her hesitated for a moment before cupping his hands together and asking, "Elder Tong Xuan, may I know where the Little Fairy Doctor's group is now?"

"They left three months after you entered the Heavenly Tomb. It is likely that they returned to the Falling Star Pavilion. However, they did not explain what happened. All they said is to inform you to swiftly return to the Falling Star Pavilion once you come out." Elder Xuan Tong thought for a moment before replying.

Xiao Yan frowned when he heard this. He immediately nodded and hesitated for a moment. Finally, he faced Xun Er and said, "It seems that something has indeed happened. This time around, I will not remain in the Gu clan for long. Are you leaving with me this time?"

Xun Er hesitated for a moment when she heard this. She was just about to nod her head when Elder Tong Xuan by the side hurriedly said, "Xun Er, there have been some big matters in the Gu clan recently. After a discussion by the Elders, you must not leave the Gu Realm."

"What happened?" Xun Er knit her brows as she asked.

Elder Tong Xuan hesitated for a moment. He glanced at Xiao Yan. He was just about to say something when Xun Er indifferently said, "Elder Tong Xuan, just say what you have to say. There are no outsiders here."

Elder Tong Xuan could only helplessly nod his head when he heard Xun Er's words. He softly answered, "The Ling realm has suddenly been shut..."

"Ling Realm? Shut?" Xiao Yan and Xun Er were startled. Xun Er's expression immediately changed.

"It's the Ling clan?" Xiao Yan mused for a moment when he saw the change in Xun Er's expression. He came to an understanding. This Ling

Realm was likely the realm where the Ling clan, which was one of the eight ancient clans, resided.

“Why was the Ling Realm suddenly shut? No wonder the Ling clan did not send anyone to the Heavenly Tomb this time around...” Xun Er knit her brows as she spoke.

“We have no idea. We have dispatched experts to investigate, but we have failed to obtain even the slightest news. The space where the Ling Realm was originally located has completely disappeared. Even after some Elders within the clan went to probe, they were unable to discover anything... that manner is as though the Ling Realm has been completely hidden.” Elder Tong Xuan frowned as he explained the situation. Clearly, this unusual matter was really baffling.

“Sealing the realm and hiding it. They would definitely not do this unless they meet with an extremely big matter. Could it be that the Ling clan has met with a trouble so large that even they are unable to resolve it?” Xun Er softly muttered.

“I am not certain about this. Although the Ling clan has been showing signs of declining during these years and had seldom come into contact with us, they still possess an extremely rich foundation. Even the Gu clan, being another of the eight ancient clan, would have difficulty forcing them into such a state...” Elder Tong Xuan’s brows contained some worry as he continued, “Clan head and the rest are doing their best to investigate this matter. If the Ling clan has really met with some catastrophe, we will have to take additional precaution. Hence, I’m afraid that you will not be able to leave the Gu Realm during this period of time...”

Xun Er curled her little mouth. Her face had become a little grave. This was the first time in many years that an ancient clan had actually sealed their realm to hide themselves. This kind of unexpected matter caused one’s heart to become a little heavy.

“Xun Er, since now is not the right time, you should remain in this Gu Realm. This place is the safest...” Xiao Yan frowned and mused for a moment before he spoke with a grave expression. He was unfamiliar with

the so-called Ling clan. Hence, he was unaware of just how terrifying their strength was, but since they could be considered one of the ancient clans, they were likely extraordinary. It would still be alright if they met with a non-human related disaster. If it was a man-made disaster, it would be a little shocking.

Elder Tong Xuan by the side sighed in relief when he heard Xiao Yan's words. Xun Er hesitated for a moment before gently nodding. Her pretty eyes looked at Xiao Yan as she said, "In that case, Xiao Yan ge-ge should be careful outside. The enmity between the Hun clan and you is becoming deeper. There is no guarantee when they will dispatch a true expert."

"Relax." Xiao Yan smiled and replied.

"Ha ha, young friend Xiao Yan, please stay in the Gu Realm for one night. Our Gu clan will send you and everyone else out of the Gu Realm tomorrow..." Tong Xuan grinned as he spoke.

Xiao Yan did not object Elder Tong Xuan's arrangement. He would need the Gu clan to open the spatial door if he wished to leave. Hence, he nodded immediately...

The moonlight was like water as it scattered down from the sky and covered this lush and quiet mountain range...

Xiao Yan stood with his hands behind his back in front of a quiet bamboo house. He watched the bright moon in the sky and felt a melancholy in his heart. Although only half a year had passed in the outside world. He had been together with Xun Er in the Heavenly Tomb for three years. These three years of being together had already caused him to get used to her being by his side. However, he was about to leave tomorrow. He did not know when they would meet again.

"Xiao Yan ge-ge..."

A soft gentle voice suddenly appeared behind Xiao Yan as he sighed. Immediately, Xiao Yan's hands, which were behind him, felt a soft smooth warm hand gently grab his. A beautiful face that caused even the bright moon to lose its appeal appeared in front of him. That gentle and beautiful smile caused a warmth to flow within his heart.

“Xun Er... there’s a matter that I need to talk to you about...”

Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment as he searched that beautiful face before he finally spoke.

Xun Er’s long eyelashes fluttered when she heard Xiao Yan’s words. Her face leaned on Xiao Yan’s chest as she softly asked, “Is it the matter related to Cai Lin?”

Xun Er clearly sensed Xiao Yan’s body stiffen a little when she said those words. She lifted her pretty face and saw the expected, a stunned face.

“You... you know about it?” Xiao Yan studied Xun Er’s smiling face that contained a slyness as he exclaimed in shock.

“I am worried about you and can only relax after gaining information about you... given my status in the Gu clan, there are people who will take the initiative to deliver any information about you to me. Cai Lin is included among this information.” Xun Er softly muttered.

“This matter...”

A warmth surged into Xiao Yan’s heart when he heard Xun Er muttering to herself. He was just about to say something, but he had only managed to get two words out before having no idea what he should say. His usual eloquence seemed to have been lost today. He was aware that the person in his embrace was viewed by a countless number of people as a goddess regardless of whether they were from the Gu clan or the outside world. Being able to hug this almost perfect lady was already a great luxury. It was likely that many people would think him overboard if he still greedily wished to enjoy multiple women in front of her.

Xiao Yan’s clumsiness at this moment caused Xun Er to shake her head as she muttered to herself. “Back then, I was also very furious, but I have been unable to forget about you still. Since I am unwilling to forget, I will ultimately have to endure... however, you must not be let off too easily...”

Xun Er’s final word had just sounded when she opened her small mouth and ruthlessly bit Xiao Yan’s chest. This time around, she did not show any mercy. Even the corner of Xiao Yan’s mouth involuntarily twitched a

couple of times when she bit him. However, he merely stood there without daring to move. The Dou Qi within his body was also suppressed. He was afraid that any retaliation from his Dou Qi would harm Xun Er.

“I will see whether you will still dare to be a womanizer in the future!”

Xun Er only released her small mouth a moment later. She lifted her pretty face. Her ferociousness appeared exceptionally lovely under the moonlight.

A fire suddenly surged within Xiao Yan's heart as he observed Xun Er, who appeared very much like a little girl at this moment. He suddenly lowered his head and ruthlessly pressed down on Xun Er's small mouth, stunning her.

“Mmm mmm...”

Xun Er's lovely body stiffened when she was suddenly assaulted by Xiao Yan. An embarrassed redness spread down her long neck like a burning cloud. It reached the tip of her delicate ears before coming to a halt.

Xun Er began to struggle gently after she stilled for a moment. However, her narrow waist was being tightly embraced by Xiao Yan's arms. She struggled briefly for a moment before she finally felt some lust. She allowed Xiao Yan to wantonly grab her.

At this moment, that goddess from the Gu clan had become so gentle that she could melt anything.

The two figures appeared to have melted together under the bright moonlight that scattered down. Their rich desire had caused even the bright moon to quietly hide behind some dark clouds.

Only after the moonlight gradually dimmed did the pair of lovers, who had been pressed tightly against each other, separate. A flame of desire rose within Xiao Yan's lower abdomen when he saw Xun Er's flush red face, which was extremely enchanting. His eyes wandered over her body with a fiery heat. His hand, which had been hugging her delicate waist, slowly began to move along her tempting curves. However, Xiao Yan was preparing to take the next step when a soft cough suddenly formed within

this serene bamboo forest.

This sudden soft cough was like thunder. It caused Xiao Yan and Xun Er to separate as if they had been electrocuted. Their eyes looked in the direction where the sound had originated, only to find a middle-aged man in ordinary clothes standing a short distance away. That face surprisingly belonged to the clan head of the Gu clan, who was Xun Er's father, Gu Yuan...

Xun Er's originally flush red face turned even redder when she saw Gu Yuan. Her hand ruthlessly pinched Xiao Yan's waist before her lovely body moved and she left to hide in her room.

Xiao Yan could only bitterly laugh when he saw Xun Er flee. He immediately hardened his skin and looked at Gu Yuan with some embarrassment.

Chapter 1371: Leaving the Gu Realm

Gu Yuan studied the somewhat embarrassed face of Xiao Yan from within the bamboo forest before glancing at the quiet bamboo house. All he could do was sigh. Even though he was Xun Er's father, it was the first time that he had seen Xun Er be this intimate with a man.

"You should have met Xiao Xuan, right?" Gu Yan faintly asked. He stepped into the moonlight and slowly walked toward the embarrassed Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan was a little startled. He hesitated for a moment before replying, "Yes, I've met him..."

"I am able to sense the bloodline strength within your body. It is likely that it should be the last bloodline of the Xiao clan..." Gu Yuan clicked his tongue and sighed. "It is indeed not easy for Xiao Xuan to do such a thing. He is willing to turn himself into that in order to help the Xiao clan retain its final seed..."

Xiao Yan was silent. He naturally understood that the Heavenly Tomb was an enormous prison. As energy bodies, Xiao Xuan and the others were just prisoners within it. Although they were able to live in another form, they had to endure an endless loneliness.

"Elder Gu Yuan, is there no way to help him escape?" Xiao Yan's voice was a little soft as he inquired.

"At the very least, even I do not have the ability to do so. It is rumored that the Heavenly Tomb was created by an elite Dou Di a long time ago. If one wishes to break the rules within it and allow Xiao Xuan to escape, perhaps... one must also reach that level." Gu Yuan shook his head. Xiao Yan could clearly sense the complicated expression on Gu Yuan's face when he mentioned the words 'Dou Di.' This class was like a heavy burden that pressed on the souls of the people from the ancient clans. It drove all of them to put in all their effort.

"Dou Di..."

Xiao Yan bitterly laughed. This kind of legendary existence was really too unimaginable. Even Gu Yuan in front of him, who could be called one of the true top experts in the Dou Qi continent, would likely only have a heart filled with fear and respect because of these two simple words.

“Does this world truly have an existence known as Dou Di?”

Gu Yuan became quiet when he heard Xiao Yan’s question. A moment later, he finally muttered to himself, “This... who knows. One would be like a god overlooking the continent at that level. Everyone will likely be ant-like existences in their[a] eyes.”

“Their[b]?”

Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes. However, he was not aware what Gu Yuan’s words meant. Was this so-called “their” merely illusory or did it truly refer to some existence?

Gu Yuan waved his large hand while Xiao Yan was considering the answer. He said, “You will be leaving tomorrow. Be careful. Given your current strength, those Elders from the Gu clan are unlikely to make things overly difficult for you. However, due to the matter of the Ling clan, Xun Er will not be able to leave the Gu Realm for the time being...”

Xiao Yan nodded and replied, “Does Elder Gu Yuan think that the change in the Ling Realm this time around is the result of a man-made or a natural disaster?”

Gu Yuan frowned in the face of Xiao Yan’s question. He replied, “We are not very sure about this, but I think that they have met with a great trouble. The chances of it being caused by man is very low. After all, the Ling clan’s strength could be ranked among the super factions on the continent. Even the Gu clan has difficulty forcing them to such an extent.”

“What if it was the Hun clan?” Xiao Yan slowly asked. Back in the Heavenly Tomb, Xiao Xuan had said that the Hun clan was far too mysterious. Even though the Xiao clan and the Hun clan had been enemies for many years, the members of the clan did not dare to say that they completely understood this mysterious clan.

Gu Yuan was startled upon hearing this. Immediately, he shook his head once again and replied, "It is likely impossible. If the Hun clan wished to force the Ling clan until such an extent, it would definitely have to launch a big campaign. Therefore, it is impossible for the Gu clan to not receive any information. Additionally, even if the Hun clan possess such an ability, why would they become enemies with a faction as powerful as the Ling clan for no reason? Although the Ling clan has declined during these years, it is still not a faction that is easy to deal with..."

Xiao Yan slightly nodded. However, the doubt in his heart increased. If it was not the Hun clan, what other faction could force the Ling clan into such a state? Could it really be due to some natural disaster?

"Alright. These matters are not very related to you. I think that the truth will come out after an investigation..." Gu Yuan waved his hand. He looked at the quiet bamboo house and continued in a soft helpless voice, "Additionally, you should not forget about the matters you promised me... Xun Er's bloodline is very important to the Gu clan. If any problems occur, those old fellows will become furious even if I do not do anything."

Xiao Yan was a little embarrassed when he heard these words. He bitterly smiled and immediately nodded.

"Alright it is already quite late. You should rest. You still have to leave tomorrow morning..." Gu Yuan nodded after seeing Xiao Yan nod. His body gradually paled before completely disappearing.

Xiao Yan helplessly sighed as he stared at the spot where Gu Yuan disappeared. He clicked his tongue and felt as though he had not expressed himself sufficiently...

When the morning sunlight scattered over this vast space the next morning, this mountain range, which had been quiet for the night, once again became lively. The sound of rushing wind continued to appear...

Xiao Yan and Xun Er walked out of the bamboo house when the mountain range became noisy. After which, they flew to the edge of the mountain range where a couple of enormous battleships were suspended in the air. Dark clouds rolled around, giving them a mighty appearance.

Xiao Yan's eyes swept around him after he had appeared in the air. He found quite a number of familiar figures. Ling Quan, Lin Xiu, and the other top experts among the younger generation of the Gu clan were present. However, these people dodged his eyes with some fear. Currently, Xiao Yan's strength had soared to the peak of an eight star Dou Zun. This allowed them to understand that they had lost any qualification to be arrogant in front of Xiao Yan. After all, when Xiao Yan was only a five star Dou Zun back then, he was able to defeat the eight star Dou Zun Gu Yao. Even less needed to be said now that his strength had soared.

Currently, the only ones among the younger generation of the Gu clan who could fight with him were Xun Er or perhaps Gu Qing Yang.

Xiao Yan detected a pair of eyes focusing on him while he was scanning the area. He immediately shifted his eyes before finally pausing them on a mountain a short distance away. A figure was standing against the wind at that spot. His black and white hair revealed his identity, Gu Yao, who had been defeated by Xiao Yan half a year ago.

The eyes of those two met in the air. Surprisingly, no rich sparks erupted. Gu Yao's face was indifferent, and he slowly nodded to Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan was a little stunned when he saw Gu Yao's slightly friendly action. Xiao Yan smiled and nodded in return. From the looks of it, Gu Yao had walked out of the shadow of his failure. A young person of his talent would definitely be groomed by the Gu clan. His future potential would be extraordinary. Xiao Yan would have one less hidden trouble if he could maintain a good relationship with him. It was ultimately better for Xiao Yan.

Although this Gu Yao also had feelings for Xun Er, he could be considered the type of person who could accept whatever came his way. This kind of character was rather upright.

"Ao ao!"

With an increasing number of people hurrying over, a horn sounded from the battleships in the sky. Clearly, they were about to send all these people out of the Gu Realm.

“Xiao Yan...”

A figure suddenly walked through the air when Xiao Yan was planning to say goodbye to Xun Er. Xiao Yan swept his eyes over, only to discover that this person was Yao Xing Ji of the Yao clan. He knit his brows and indifferently asked, “Is there something?”

Xiao Yan did not really like this Yao Xing Ji in his heart. Hence, he was not as courteous to Yao Xing Ji as he was to others.

Yao Xing Ji curled his lips when he noticed Xiao Yan’s indifferent question. His heart felt quite displeased, but due to Xiao Yan’s current strength, he did not utter any mocking words. He flicked his finger and an emerald-colored jade token shot toward Xiao Yan. “This is the invitation of our Yao clan’s clan ceremony. Don’t frown. Your teacher will require it. He understands what the clan ceremony of the Yao clan represents. Trust me, he will come regardless of what kind of unhappiness he has with the Yao clan,...”

Xiao Yan received the emerald jade token. He stared at Yao Xing Ji for a moment but did not return the token. Instead, he put the jade token into his Storage Ring. Subsequently, he cupped his hands together, “Thank you.”

“This time, I was not able to compete with you in terms of alchemy skills. Hopefully, we will have the opportunity to do so next time...” Yao Xing Ji cupped his fist. After which, he ceased saying anything else as he moved and swiftly boarded a battleship.

Xiao Yan played with some thoughts after seeing Yao Xing Ji leave. Regardless of what this so-called Yao clan’s clan ceremony was, he would deliver the message to teacher first. Whether he would attend would completely depend on teacher’s intentions.

“Xun Er, it’s time. I should be leaving...” Xiao Yan turned his head, looked at Xun Er beside him, and softly spoke.

“Take care...” Xun Er slightly smiled and gently replied.

Xiao Yan nodded with a grin. He did not delay any longer as he waved

his hand and turned around. His body transformed into a light figure that leaped onto a battleship in a free and easy manner. Finally, he disappeared in front of everyone's eyes.

Xun Er sighed in a lonely manner as she watched Xiao Yan's disappearing back.

“Ao ao!”

With an increasing number of people rushing onto the battleships, the siren once again resounded. Immediately, dark clouds churned and the battleships slowly shook. Finally, they turned into dark clouds in front of numerous eyes. They contained a shocking momentum as they swiftly flew toward the exit of Gu Realm.

[a]Their

[b]Should use their in the paragraph above for this to make more sense.

Chapter 1372: A Completely New Falling Star Pavilion

An unusually clear lake sparkled in the middle of the Gu Sacred City. The sunlight scattered into many glaring rays...

“Chi!”

An intense ripple suddenly stirred on the calm lake’s surface as an enormous spatial crack slowly tore through the air. Many human figures swiftly rushed out of it after it appeared. Finally, they landed on the ground, and in an instant, the somewhat quiet city had become lively again.

Xiao Yan hurried out of the spatial door and finally appeared on a building. His eyes swept around. Without waiting for the members of the Gu clan to come and receive him, he moved and flew toward the city gate of Gu Sacred City. The experts from the Gu clan acted as though they did not see him. None of them stopped him, allowing him to hurry to the city’s gate before finally disappearing from their sight.

Xiao Yan smoothly rushed out of Gu Sacred City. Only then did he stop in the air and look at the greenery that spread to the horizon. His heart involuntarily exhaled a long breath. Although the Gu Realm was extremely spacious and possessed a denser energy as compared to the outside world, Xiao Yan ultimately felt that this Central Plains gave one an even greater freedom for some unknown reason...

“Next, I should hurry back to the Falling Star Pavilion...”

Xiao Yan did not remain in this spot for long. He took out a map to identify where he needed to go. After which, his body turned into a brilliant light that hurried to the northern horizon with lightning-like speed. He disappeared into the horizon in the blink of an eye.

Xiao Yan did not stop for a prolonged period of time during this subsequent journey. At his full speed and with the help of a couple of spatial wormholes, he spent five days or so before reaching the territory

controlled by the Falling Star Pavilion.

Xiao Yan clearly sensed that there were many more experts' auras around him after entering the Falling Star Pavilion's territory. Some of the important cities along the way had gained two to three elite Dou Zuns. This was a strength even within the Central Plains region. However, Xiao Yan clearly understood that with Yao Lao, this great golden signboard, it was not difficult to gather these experts to aid them.

Xiao Yan felt somewhat at ease after not coming across any chaotic scenes along the way. Although the defenses had been strengthened, the pressure that a big battle created was absent.

Xiao Yan did not take any short stops in the cities that belonged to the Falling Star Pavilion. He hurried to the Falling Star Pavilion. Hence, in a short half day, he had reached the mountain range of the Falling Star Pavilion. Subsequently, he turned into a ray of light that charged into the realm where the Falling Star Pavilion was located...

The atmosphere within the star realm was peaceful. Although the size of this place could not be compared with a place like the Gu Realm, it could still be considered similar to a city. It could accommodate over a hundred thousand people without any problems.

Densely packed Falling Star Pavilion disciples were training in an orderly fashion in a somewhat spacious square. Numerous powerful cries gathered together, appearing like thunder that resounded all around.

The current star realm undoubtedly possessed a new look when compared to the past. The originally arduous mountain range had been opened up and clusters of buildings had been built on them. Many human flows walked along them like ants, causing it to appear extremely lively. Moreover, many more powerful auras were vaguely being emitted from the enormous mountains in the middle of the star realm, covering every part of the star realm. The current star realm truly possessed an iron-wall-like feeling...

“Chi!”

A ray of light suddenly flashed and appeared within the peaceful star

realm. It was accompanied by an extremely wild momentum as it flew over from afar. It charged toward the mountain at the middle of the star realm.

“Who dares to cause trouble within the star realm?”

Some furious cries suddenly resounded in the sky of the star realm when the ray of light appeared. One could hear numerous ‘swoosh’ sounds as many elderly figures appeared in the sky. After which, they furiously cried out in unison, “Still!”

The space in the sky rapidly solidified after the ten furious elderly cries sounded. While everyone thought that the figure was about to stop, they were stunned to see that the ray of light not halt and its speed suddenly increased. It broke through the solidified space without any resistance in front of the many startled eyes. Finally, it appeared behind those elders in a ghost-like manner.

“Ha ha, it has only been half a year since I left, but the defenses have become this tight...” That figure stopped in front of the many gazes. Immediately, a black-robed young man with black hair slowly appeared and laughed.

“Who are you?”

These elders, who had attempted to stop the figure earlier, observed Xiao Yan with grave eyes. After the scene earlier, they no longer dared to underestimate this exceptionally young black-robed man. Moreover, they could sense a vague pressure radiating from his body. This kind of pressure was something that only a handful of people in the Falling Star Pavilion could make them feel.

The activity in the sky attracted the attention of the Falling Star Pavilion disciples training on the ground. Many stunned gazes looked at Xiao Yan in the sky. Their mouths were amazed. It was the first time that they had witnessed the ten guest Elders not gain an advantage despite having attacked at the same time.

Xiao Yan smiled in a bitter and helpless manner when he saw the uncertain eyes of those Elders. He had only been away for half a year, yet

almost no one recognized him...

“Junior Pavilion Chief!”

A couple of elderly figures finally rushed over from the main mountain while Xiao Yan was feeling helpless. They were initially startled before crying out in pleasant surprise.

The ten Falling Pavilion Guest Elders and countless Falling Star Pavilion disciples were stunned when they heard this joyous cry. Their eyes glanced at Xiao Yan with some disbelief. Xiao Yan’s reputation was quite great within the Falling Star Pavilion, but it had only been a short while since many people had come to the Falling Star Pavilion. Hence, this was the first time many people had seen him.

“He is actually that junior pavilion chief of our Falling Star Pavilion...”

“Hee hee, junior pavilion chief is really handsome...”

“Stop being ‘boy-crazy.’ How can someone like the junior pavilion chief fancy us...”

“I heard that the junior pavilion chief is also the Pill Gathering Champion. He is also an elite Dou Zun. I joined the Falling Star Pavilion because of him. It is unexpected that I have finally seen this legendary person today. Hee hee...”

“.....”

While many heated conversations sprung up below, a yellow-robed elder, who seemed to be the leader of the group of Guest Elders, hurriedly came forward and greeted Xiao Yan. Although he was older than Xiao Yan, the stronger person was the master. Currently, Xiao Yan’s achievements in every aspect were far from what the Guest Elders could compare with. Hence, their tones were naturally extremely polite. They did not dare to be the least bit disrespectful.

“Elder is too courteous.”

Xiao Yan faintly smiled. After which, his eyes swept around him before an admiration appeared in them. The Falling Star Pavilion had undergone

a drastic change during this short half a year. With such a large number of experts guarding it, it was likely that even the Hun clan would not dare to easily attack. From the auras that he could sense on the surface, the strength of the current Falling Star Pavilion was not weaker than the Profound Sky Sect or the Flower Sect. Moreover, the Falling Star Pavilion may have even surpassed them.

“Ha ha, you have finally returned...”

The space behind Xiao Yan fluctuated while his eyes swept across the star realm. An elderly figure slowly appeared. That figure was surprisingly Yao Lao.

“Teacher.”

Xiao Yan hurriedly bowed and respectfully greeted Yao Lao.

“Greetings pavilion chief!”

The Guest Elders by the side also respectfully greeted Yao Lao when he appeared. Yao Lao seldomly revealed himself, so Yao Lao was a mysterious existence in the eyes of these Guest Elders. It was unexpected that he would personally come and receive this junior pavilion chief the moment he appeared.

“You have become rather refined after a trip to the Gu Realm...”

Yao Lao smiled and shook his head. He waved his hand at the Guest Elders. After which, he swept his eyes over Xiao Yan and some satisfaction surfaced in them. He said, “Not bad, not bad, within half a year, you have advanced to an eight star Dou Zun from a five star Dou Zun. It looks like you have gained a lot from this trip...”

Some shock appeared in the eyes of those Guest Elders when they heard Yao Lao’s praise. This person was indeed worthy of being the junior pavilion chief. Such an increase was really too frightening.

Xiao Yan smiled. With Yao Lao’s strength, he was naturally able to see through Xiao Yan, who subsequently nodded in reply.

“Let’s go. We’ll head down first. I have waited a long time for your

return...” Yao Lao spoke with a smile.

“Aye.” Xiao Yan nodded. His eyes swept around him before he frowned. He softly asked, “Teacher, has the Little Fairy Doctor and the rest not returned?”

“They have returned, but they left again...” Yao Lao replied.

“Left? Where?” Xiao Yan asked in a startled voice.

“This is also the reason I have been waiting for you. We received some news soon after you entered the Heavenly Tomb. After which, I asked the Little Fairy Doctor and the rest to quickly return. After which, they hurried to the Jia Ma Empire...”

“Jia Ma Empire?” The familiar name caused Xiao Yan to feel stunned. However, it only lasted for an instant before his face experienced a drastic change.

“Something happened to the Yan Alliance?”

[a]Jia Ma Empire?

Chapter 1373: The Turbulence of the North Continent

Yao Lao slowly nodded when he saw the sudden change in Xiao Yan's expression. He said, "Rather, it should be said that the entire north region of the continent is in trouble..."

"What happened?"

Xiao Yan knit his eyebrows. The north continent did not have as many experts as the Central Plains. There might be an uncountable number of sects and empires, but all of them were ultimately in dispute with each other. Although some strong factions intended to dominate everyone, they were ultimately unable to achieve their aim. Moreover, the so-called strong factions in the north region of the continent would only be tier one factions in the Central Plains. They would not be any stronger than the four pavilion factions. Hence, some of the factions and experts within the Central Plains did not place much importance on the any other region.

"Originally, the north continent was not in turmoil, but a year ago, a faction known as the Profound Lion Sect suddenly began to engage in a large scale war. No one was a match for the experts from the sect. Within less than half a year, nearly half of the north continent ended up under the control of the Profound Lion Sect." Yao Lao slowly landed on a mountain as he softly explained.

"Profound Lion Sect? Are they very strong?" Xiao Yan frowned and asked. Although the north continent did not have as many hidden experts as the Central Plains, it was an extremely large stretch of land and there were naturally many Dou Zun class experts. However, relying on the strength of a sect to occupy half of the north continent was something that would cause others to feel some disbelief.

"Although the Profound Lion Sect can be ranked among the top ten in the north continent, it is not unbeatable. This time around, their strength suddenly soared. Moreover, they gained many powerful mysterious experts..." Yao Lao replied in a faint voice.

“There is some other mysterious faction interfering in the north region of the continent?” Xiao Yan was startled. The factions in the Central Plains were extremely strong, but they ultimately looked down on the other parts of the continent that were not part of the Central Plains. Hence, rarely would a factions interfere in the matters of other regions. After all, these areas were extremely chaotic, and even if they could secretly control the regions, it would not benefit them. They might end up losing more than they would gain.

“Hall of Souls?”

Xiao Yan frowned. Suddenly he saw Yao Lao’s solemn expression. His heart shook as he made a guess.

“That’s right...” Yao Lao nodded. He continued, “Based on the situation that was transmitted back, many Hall of Souls experts have indeed appeared with the Profound Lion Sect...”

“Why would the Hall of Souls have nothing better to do than to head to the north region of the continent and stir up such a big war?”

“Gathering souls... the factions in the Central Plains are interrelated and complicated. Even the Hall of Souls would not dare to easily start a big war, but the situation is different in the north continent. Given the strength of the Hall of Souls, it is dominant enough to wage a one-sided war. All they need to do is appear after the battle and collect a countless number of souls...” Yao Lao knit his brows and explained the situation.

“Why are they anxiously using such a method to gather spiritual bodies now? In the past, the Hall of Souls would only quietly gather souls. They have never started a big war before.” Xiao Yan asked uncertainly.

“The Hall of Souls definitely has many schemes to gather souls. However, I am also uncertain of the reason. Back then, they only wanted me to join them after capturing me. I am aware that they are interested in my alchemist skills... all I can do is refine medicinal pills, but the overwhelming and mysterious strength of the Hall of Souls’ chief requires a tier 9 medicinal pill. However, it is not easy to refine such a medicinal pill.” Yao Lao softly sighed and replied.

Xiao Yan's heart had become a little heavy for some unknown reason after hearing Yao Lao's soft sigh. Although he was not aware what the Hall of Souls was planning, he was certain that they were definitely preparing for a great scheme. Otherwise, why would they gather so many souls? Moreover, they had clearly increased their gathering rate. Could it be that they could not endure any longer?

"Hun clan... just what exactly are you planning?"

"The north continent is in chaos and the Profound Lion Sect continues to expand their territory. Those who do not submit to them would have their sect or empire destroyed. This has undoubtedly greatly increased the speed at which the Hall of Souls are gathering spiritual bodies. The quality might not be high, but they can make up for it with quantity." Yao Lao glanced at Xiao Yan as he said, "As for your Yan Alliance, it has already become a powerful alliance that could be ranked among the top three of the north continent after being developed by Medusa and the rest during these years. Normally speaking, the Profound Lion Sect is no match for the Yan Alliance. Unfortunately, there is the addition of the Hall of Souls... with the aid of the experts from the Hall of Souls, the Yan Alliance can only end up at a disadvantage."

"A couple of months ago, the territory of the Yan Alliance shrank. They are gradually shrinking back toward the Jia Ma Empire. We have also obtained news about it at that time. The Little Fairy Doctor and the rest hurried to the Jia Ma Empire after obtaining this news. Qing Tan also followed because the fate of the Sky Serpent Mansion is similarly quite bad."

Xiao Yan's expression was gloomy. This damn Hall of Souls never stopped causing trouble for even a moment.

"I have also dispatched some experts from the Falling Star Pavilion to follow the Little Fairy Doctor's group when they left. However, I think that they will find it difficult to handle the situation..."

Xiao Yan nodded. He clenched his hand and said, "Looks like... I will also have to hurry back."

The Yan Alliance had Medusa, his big brother, second brother, and all the members of the Xiao clan. Hence, he needed to reveal himself when the Yan Alliance faced such trouble!

Yao Lao was unsurprised when he heard Xiao Yan's words. He nodded slightly and said, "Aye, this time around, I will dispatch some Elders from the Falling Star Pavilion, who are five star Dou Zuns, with you when you head to the Jia Ma Empire. Moreover, they are privy to more information than you. They will help you understand the situation of the north continent. I will personally remain in the Falling Star Pavilion to guard against any Hall of Souls' schemes of diverting our strength away..."

Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment before nodding.

"We will put the matter of the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame aside for now. In any case, there's still some time before the 'Spatial Trade Fair' begins. Before that, we must resolve the trouble of the Yan Alliance." Yao Lao smiled and continued. "Don't rush and leave today. The Central Plains region and the north continent are too far apart. You would need over two months to fly back. Hence, we must build a wormhole..."

Xiao Yan was startled when he heard this. A wormhole was something that could be built by anyone who had reached the Dou Zun class. However, building a lengthy wormhole that stretched from Central Plains to the north continent was not something that an ordinary Dou Zun could achieve. Fortunately, Yao Lao's strength was currently at the Ban Sheng class. It should not be too difficult to build.

"I used a temporarily wormhole to send the Little Fairy Doctor's group away. Since then, I have been preparing a stable wormhole. Once it is successfully built, it will become a pathway that connects the Falling Star Pavilion to the north continent. Once you take over the Falling Star Pavilion in the future, the Falling Star Pavilion and the Yan Alliance will merge..." Yao Lao laughed.

Xiao Yan nodded and sighed in relief. If they could really build a wormhole that connected to the north continent, it would undoubtedly save him a great deal of time.

“Rest for today. You have been tired during this period of time...” Yao Lao spoke with a smile.

Xiao Yan did not reject the offer. He nodded before suddenly recalling something. After which, he took the emerald jade token that Yao Xing Ji had given him out of his Storage Ring and handed it to Yao Lao. “This is the Yao ceremony (clan ceremony) invitation of the Yao clan. They asked me to hand it to teacher.”

Yao Lao’s hand immediately trembled when he heard the words ‘Yao ceremony (clan ceremony).’ Although it was minor, it did not escape Xiao Yan’s eyes.

Yao Lao’s eyes stared at the emerald jade token. It was a long time later before he inhaled a deep breath of air. His hand trembled as he slowly received it. Finally, he put it in his Storage Ring and softly said, “Don’t be concerned about this matter. We should build the wormhole.”

“Aye.” Xiao Yan nodded. Although Yao Lao did not display much on his face, Xiao Yan could still sense that Yao Lao’s heart was not calm.

“It seems that teacher will not reject this Yao ceremony (clan ceremony) invitation just as Yao Xing Ji had claimed... I wonder just what this Yao ceremony is to cause Yao Lao to show such a reaction.”

Yao Lao merely smiled when he saw Xiao Yan’s flickering eyes, but he did not explain about the Yao ceremony. He gently patted Xiao Yan’s shoulders and laughed, “Leave, go back to your room and rest. It is likely that this half a year has not been relaxing... I would like to allow you to rest properly for some time...”

Xiao Yan shook his head in an unconcerned manner. He was used to running around after years of training. One must ultimately pay in order to protect things. However, the thing that caused Xiao Yan to feel a little pleased was that the current him was not like himself from back when he needed Yao Lao’s help in order to do anything. Now, he was a true top tier expert who could carry his own weight!

“Once I finish building the wormhole, you will be able to travel to the north region of the continent. Ha ha, now that I think about it, it has been

many years since you left. It is time to return and take a look...” Yao Lao spoke in a somewhat harsh tone. When Xiao Yan had left the Jia Ma Empire for the first time back then, he had been a tender youth. The youth from back then has become a renowned top-notch expert across the continent.

Xiao Yan quietly nodded. His heart also felt a sense of lose. Without realizing it, he had been away from the Jia Ma Empire for many years. He wondered just how big brother, second brother, and the rest had been during these years, especially Medusa... if that's how much time had passed, it was likely... his child was already four or five years old...

“If that's the case... it seems that I have become a father...”

A special feeling involuntarily rose within Xiao Yan's heart when he thought of this. It was as though his heart had matured once again at this moment.

[a]North-west part of the continent instead?

Chapter 1374: Accepting Disciple You

Quan

Xiao Yan's subsequent days after returning to the Falling Star Pavilion had become a lot more relaxing. He stayed in the Falling Star Pavilion all day and would occasionally appear to give advice to the disciples of the Falling Star Pavilion. Forget about the ordinary disciples. With his current strength and reputation, it was likely that the experience of even some Guest Elders in the Falling Star Pavilion might not be able to compare to him.

Three days slowly passed amid this feeling of leisure. The wormhole that Yao Lao was building gradually neared completion...

"Hah!"

Many Falling Star Pavilion disciples were gathered in a spacious training ground in the star realm. They were undertaking training and sparring that they had to perform daily. However, most of the eyes in the training ground were gathered on the middle of the training ground. A young man in black robes was pointing out the inadequacies of some disciples when they unleashed their Dou Skills. His laughing and relaxed appearance vaguely gave him the look of a grandmaster. Many Falling Star Pavilion's disciples felt envious in their hearts as they watched him...

A group of young ladies, who were wearing tight brilliant clothes, had gathered in one corner of the training ground. They were laughing with each other. Their lovely wind-chime-like laughter caused the hearts of some surrounding men to shake. Their eyes were involuntarily thrown over.

There was a lady in pale-red clothes standing in the middle of this group of young ladies. Her delicate and soft waist with her long legs undoubtedly caused her to be the most eye-catching existence within the training ground. However, this red-clothed young lady's eyes were observing the smiling black-clothed young man in the distance.

“Hee hee, little senior sister You Quan is finally attracted to someone?”

A young lady by the side suddenly laughed in a delicate voice while the lady in red was focusing on Xiao Yan.

“What nonsense are you spouting...” Hearing this, the face of that young lady called You Quan reddened as she chided.

“Hee hee, little senior sister You Quan, you are the person with the most outstanding talent among this younger generation of the Falling Star Pavilion. Even the pavilion chief was disturbed during the test back then. Therefore, you need not feel inferior despite the unique status of the junior pavilion chief...” A young lady covered her mouth and laughed.

“What nonsense. This little talent of mine is nothing in the eyes of the junior pavilion chief...” You Quan shook her head, but a faint joy flashed across her bright eyes. A young lady ultimately yearned for love. The young geniuses she had met, who thought highly of themselves, were nothing compared to Xiao Yan, who did not put on the airs of a junior pavilion chief.

“Why doesn’t little senior sister ask junior pavilion chief for advice? You will only have a chance if you come into contact with him. Otherwise, there will be no hope.” A young lady urged.

You Quan hesitated for a moment upon hearing this. She softly said, “It’s not very suitable, right? What should we do if we disturb young pavilion chief...”

“It’s fine. Little senior sister is someone our Falling Star Pavilion needs to groom. The junior pavilion chief will definitely not find it troublesome for the sake of strengthening the Falling Star Pavilion...”

“This... this... stop pushing. I will go alright...”

Xiao Yan studied the small red face of the red-clothed young lady standing on the training ground in front of him. He smiled and asked, “You are called You Quan, right? I heard teacher mention you...”

Xiao Yan’s eyes observed this young lady in front of him while he spoke. Although this young lady appeared a little young, she was undoubtedly a

perfect beauty. Once she grew up, she would definitely become a little witch that would cause a countless number of men to risk themselves for her. Of course, her appearance was not what Xiao Yan valued. Instead, it was her outstanding training talent.

A young lady who was not even seventeen was still at a budding age, but this You Quan had already stepped into the Dou Wang class!

Even within the Central Plains, obtaining such an achievement at this age was outstanding. If she was given sufficient time, her achievements would be frightening.

“No wonder teacher has reminded me time and again. If his elderly-self had not decided that he would not accept any other disciples, this You Quan would have become my little junior...” Xiao Yan’s eyes flickered. He finally understood why Yao Lao had mentioned something about You Quan to him a couple of days earlier.

You Quan immediately nodded when she learned that Xiao Yan was aware of her name. Her thin delicate face was covered with some excitement.

“Junior pavilion chief, may I take some of your time to give me some advice?” You Quan’s face reddened. However, she still summoned her courage and uttered these words.

“Practice your skills in front of me.” Xiao Yan smiled and softly replied.

“Understood.”

You Quan’s small heart quietly pounded when she experienced Xiao Yan’s gentleness. She hurriedly displayed a palm Dou Skill that she had recently practiced.

Xiao Yan by the side stood with his hands behind him. He watched You Quan unleash a Di class palm technique in an extremely smooth fashion, causing him to involuntarily nod. He pointed out some minor flaws. The thing that caused Xiao Yan to be stunned was that You Quan had corrected these flaws soon after he had identified them. Her comprehension speed caused him to involuntarily shake his head and

sigh. This woman was really talented and intelligent. If she was properly groomed, she could become a top expert within the Central Plains in the future.

Some perspiration surfaced on You Quan's forehead after completing his palm technique, but her eyes were filled with joy. Her peripheral vision secretly glanced at Xiao Yan as she uncertainly asked, "Junior pavilion chief, how did You Quan perform?"

"Ugh... very good."

Xiao Yan smiled and nodded. He hesitated for a moment after seeing the brilliance on You Quan's little face. Finally, he said, "Um, there's something... I wonder if you are interested?"

"What is it?" You Quan hurriedly asked when she heard his inquiry.

Xiao Yan founded his chin. He studied You Quan before replying a moment later, "Be my disciple..."

Xiao Yan felt it was rather ridiculous in his heart when he uttered these words. It was unexpected that there would be a moment when he uttered these words, but this was not his intention. Yao Lao valued You Quan's talent, but he did not wish to accept another disciple. Hence, he had given Xiao Yan this task. Being Xiao Yan's teacher, it wouldn't be out of ordinary for him to teach any disciple that Xiao Yan accepted...

"Huh?" You Quan was immediately startled when she heard Xiao Yan's words. She lowered her head and did not speak.

Xiao Yan became embarrassed when he saw You Quan's reaction. It was unexpected that he was receiving such treatment the first time he uttered these words...

"Junior pavilion chief... can I be just a disciple in name?" You Quan's frowned and mused for a moment before she finally opened her mouth and asked.

"Cough..." You Quan's words caused Xiao Yan to cough. Life was really too sad. With his current status, many people would be rushing over if he really wished to accept a disciple, yet this young lady in front of him was

full of conditions.

“Alright, up to you...” Xiao Yan helplessly shook his head. In any case, the one doing the teaching would not be him. Whether it was only in name or not, it was unrelated to him.

A joyous smile immediately surfaced on You Quan’s small face when she heard this. A disciple in name. Once she became strong enough in the future, this would not have a binding effect. The whatever ethics would not be much of a problem...

Xiao Yan was naturally unaware of the thoughts of his newly accepted disciple in name in front of him. If he was aware of them, he would have thought about kicking her out. She was so young, but she was already thinking such thoughts...

“Buzz!”

The space in the interior of the star realm suddenly fluctuated while Xiao Yan was helplessly shaking his head. A partially present spatial sound was spreading from the back mountain of the star realm...

Xiao Yan was startled when he sensed this spatial fluctuation, but soon a joy surfaced in his eyes. “The wormhole has been successfully built...”

“You Quan, I will make a trip to the back mountain. I will leave for a period of time a couple of days later. You should go and find grand-teacher. He will teach you...” Xiao Yan turned his head and smiled as he informed You Quan.

“Yes, junior pavilion chief...” You Quan’s small face immediately became a little bitter when she heard that Xiao Yan would be leaving for a period of time. She could only nod her head.

“You should not address me like this now...” Xiao Yan involuntarily became eager when he saw the bitter expression on You Quan’s small pretty face. He smiled and reprimanded her.

“Yes... teacher...”

You Quan’s pretty face reddened when she saw the teasing expression

on Xiao Yan's face. She could only address him in a whisper.

Xiao Yan smiled in satisfaction when he heard her words. He rubbed You Quan's small head and smiled as he said, "Do your best. I hope that you will have advanced to the Dou Huang class the next time I return..." Xiao Yan did not remain any longer after his words sounded. His body moved, and he turned into a ray of light. After which, he rushed to the back mountain where the spatial ripple was being emitted in front of many respectful gazes.

You Quan lowered her little face after seeing Xiao Yan disappear into the distance. She spoke in a somewhat dispirited manner, "It's over, I have become junior pavilion chief's disciple. My chances will become a lot lower in the future... no, I cannot give up! My status as a disciple is only in name! I must persevere to the end!"

You Quan clenched her little fist when she spoke. After which, she gently grabbed at Xiao Yan's distant back. It appeared as though she wished to pull him into her palm.

"A teacher... can also be groomed."

Chapter 1375: Inviting Helpers

As Xiao Yan hurried to the back mountain in the star realm, a hundred-foot-large dark-black hole slowly appeared on a stone platform atop a mountain. A wild and violent spatial force was erupting from within and swiftly spreading apart...

“Teacher, have you succeeded?”

Xiao Yan’s body moved, and he appeared a short distance away from the wormhole. He studied the elderly figure and joyously inquired.

“Aye...” Yao Lao smiled and nodded. He immediately turned around, looked at Xiao Yan, and asked, “Have you met that little girl?”

Xiao Yan naturally understood that Yao Lao was referring to You Quan by ‘that little girl.’ He bitterly smiled and nodded. He said, “I have met her. Her talent is indeed extremely outstanding. If she is properly groomed, her achievements are bound to be extraordinary...”

“Have you accepted her as a disciple?” Yao Lao softly laughed. His eyes were usually very picky. There were very few people who could catch his eye. This pickiness was enough to show just how great You Quan’s talent was.

Xiao Yan nodded once again. He roughly explained the matter earlier. When Yao Lao heard that You Quan was willing to only be a disciple in name, he involuntarily laughed out loud. Immediately, he shook his head and laughed, “It’s fine if it is just in name. In any case, you need not worry about these matters...”

“Aye. When will I set off?” Xiao Yan nodded and quickly asked.

“I’m afraid that we must wait a few more days. The wormhole has been successfully built, but it is still not stable. Moreover, I think that we should find some helpers during these next few days. There will definitely be many experts from the Hall of Souls on the Profound Lion Sect’s side. Hence, we should be fully prepared...” Yao Lao explained.

“Other helpers?” Xiao Yan frowned. Those who could get involved must

be experts who had reached the Dou Zun class. However, it was already not bad that the Falling Star Pavilion could take out over a dozen Guest Elders, but where could they find other people?

“Ha ha, have you forgotten the gathering ability of an alchemist... I have already got people to spread the news that we are inviting experts from all over. However, the condition is that one must have reached the Dou Zun class. The reward will be three tier 8 medicinal pills each. The number of Pill Lightning colors that the tier 8 medicinal pills possess will be determined by their respective strengths and their contributions...” Yao Lao cunningly smiled and explained. “I believe that many people will come. At that time, you will lead them to the north region of the continent, and then attack the Profound Lion Sect to quickly end the war!”

Xiao Yan nodded and helplessly asked, “Isn’t this a little too generous? Three tier 8 medicinal pills each? It would be quite a big sum should twenty to thirty people come.”

“Relax, there should not be a problem as long as it is a medicinal pill below the ninth tier...” Yao Lao smiled in an unconcerned manner. With his current ability, his chances of successfully refining a tier 8 medicinal pill were quite high. Hence, it might be a little troublesome, but he was still able to fork over these medicinal pills.

Xiao Yan could only nod his head when he heard this. If he were to head to the north region of the continent alone, he would end up quite tired even if he possessed the ability to turn things around. If there was a large group of helpers, things would undoubtedly be much more relaxed.

“In that case, we’ll wait a couple more days...”

With the wormhole completely built, the star realm had suddenly become lively during the next few days. There was only one reason for the liveliness. It was because of the invitation that Yao Lao had issued. Back then, Yao Lao possessed the great ability of gathering people. Now that he had already advanced into the Ban Sheng class, his summoning ability had been strengthened. Hence, the entire Central Plains turned into an uproar once the invitation was issued. Three tier 8 medicinal pills possessed a

powerful allure even for an elite Dou Zun.

Things were still fine for the experts who belonged to specific sects. They did not dare to randomly accept any invitations due to the potential implications, but the Central Plains was filled with hidden experts. Naturally, it did not lack people who trained alone and possessed an extremely great strength. Due to not being restrained, they appeared to possess a greater freedom. Hence, they did not hesitate after receiving such an invitation. They hurried to the Falling Star Pavilion.

Xiao Yan was extremely stunned at what Yao Lao's invitation brought. Only then did he truly feel terrified by Yao Lao's ability to gather people. However, he had somewhat underestimated himself. He was currently not some unknown person in the Central Plains. He was a tier 8 alchemist guru. If this identity was displayed, people would naturally be courteous to him, but ever since Xiao Yan had arrived in the Central Plains, the factions that he had made contact with were extraordinary. Hence, he was not able to sense some of the benefits that this guru status brought him.

The Falling Star Pavilion was lively for a full three days because of the invitation. Yao Lao personally picked the people during these three days. He had chosen twenty experts from among those who had come because of the invitation. The strength of these twenty people were all at least three star Dou Zuns. Three of them had even reached the eighth star of the Dou Zun level. They were a little weaker than Xiao Yan.

Dozens of figures stood in air on the back mountain of the star realm three days later. Wave after wave of a vast and mighty aura spread out and rippled around. This area seemed to tremble because of the frightening pressure that was concentrated here.

"Everyone, I think that all of you are aware of the aim of this trip. Once we arrive at the north region of the continent, I hope that everyone will listen to my commands..." Xiao Yan stood in front of the many figures and spoke with a faint smile.

"Junior pavilion chief, please rest assured. A mere faction from a barbaric place is nothing..."

The twenty invited experts smiled and nodded when faced with Xiao Yan's words. Although Xiao Yan was younger than them, his powerful aura made them aware that this young man was stronger than all of them. Hence, they did not resist being ordered by him. Moreover, all of them were clearly aware of the identity of this young man...

"Junior pavilion chief need not worry. We have been invited by pavilion chief Yao. Naturally, we will not change our minds midway through. After all, we have only obtained half of our reward..." A red-faced elder leading the group laughed with great strength.

"In that case, I will trouble old mister Hu..."

Xiao Yan cupped his hands to the red-faced elder. This person was the strongest among the twenty people that had been invited this time around. His strength had reached that of an eight star Dou Zun. Moreover, it was worth mentioning that he and the other two experts who had reached the eighth star were triplets. The three of them had begun training when they were born. None of them had married and had a child even now. The three of them were just like siamese babies that never betrayed each other. Hence, the cooperation between the three was extremely great. If they were to join hands, they would be able to fight even a nine star elite Dou Zun.

Xiao Yan's eyes slide to Yao Lao after he spoke. He declared, "We will set off now."

"Aye... these fellows have only come after being invited. There is no need to trust them. On the other hand, you can trust these ten Guest Elders. They are much more aware of the news in the north continent than you..." Yao Lao nodded. He pointed at the ten elders in Falling Star Pavilion robes around him as he softly spoke.

Xiao Yan quietly sighed in his heart when he saw these ten Guest Elders. Yao Lao was allowing him to bring half of the Falling Star Pavilion's strength with him. However, everything should be fine since Yao Lao, who had reached the Ban Sheng class, was personally standing guard. In addition to these Falling Star Pavilion's Guest Elders, Xiao Yan's side

would have over thirty people on this journey. Moreover, they were all elite Dou Zuns. Xiao Yan felt a little unusual when he thought of this. Such a lineup was quite a powerful existence even in the Central Plains. It would likely not be difficult to even eliminate a large Central Plains' faction like the Ice River Valley...

In the face of such a lineup, it was likely that the Profound Lion Sect would have difficulty obtaining the upper hand even with the support of the Hall of Souls. This time around, Xiao Yan's group had really forked out a bunch of capital.

Yao Lao grinned after seeing that everyone was prepared. He slowly stepped forward and gently waved his sleeve...

The wormhole on the top of the mountain suddenly began to fluctuate after Yao Lao waved his sleeve. A wild and violent spatial fluctuation spread from it as a thunder-like sound was emitted from the wormhole. This sound continuously reverberated over the surrounding sky.

When the spatial ripple was emitted, the wormhole began to slowly rotate. Wave after wave of faint suction forces spread out of it.

"Xiao Yan, this is the wormhole scroll. It has yet to be fixed on the other side. After you arrive, all you need to do is find a safe place and open it. After which, it will be possible to form a tunnel that will remain at that spot forever..." Yao Lao flicked his finger. A black scroll flew toward Xiao Yan. It was covered in a frightening spatial strength.

Xiao Yan carefully received the scroll and placed it in his Storage Ring. After which, he turned to the wormhole and inhaled a deep breath of air before suddenly waving his hand.

"Let's go!"

Xiao Yan was the first to move after his voice sounded. He turned into a black figure that flew into the dark-black wormhole...

"Jia Ma Empire, big brother, second brother, Cai Lin... I have returned!"

Xiao Yan curled his hand when his body entered the wormhole before slowly tightening it!

Chapter 1376: Mysterious Yellow Fortress

A sandstorm blew over the endless red plains and cliffs. The crimson sun hung low in the distant sky, and a faint red light added a layer of pale-red yarn over the ground, which vaguely had a blood color spreading over it.

“Sizzle!”

Few people were present on the red plains and cliffs. Only a wild wind continued to whistle and blow. At a certain moment, an intense spatial ripple suddenly materialized and a hundred-foot-large spatial black hole slowly appeared...

Waves of undulations rose the moment the spatial black hole appeared. Immediately, many figures stepped into the air before slowly walking away. They finally landed on the ground.

There were around thirty people in this group, and all of them appeared inconspicuous. However, if someone with truly sharp senses approached, that person would be shocked to detect the vague but frightening pressure that was spreading from them.

“Is this the north part of the continent?”

An elder with a red glow to his face swept his eyes around in surprise when he landed on the ground. After which, he turned his head to a black-clothed man in the crowd. From the black-clothed man’s familiar face, this group was clearly Xiao Yan’s group, who had hurried from the Falling Star Pavilion to the north region of the continent.

Xiao Yan shook his head slightly when he heard the eldest of the Hu brothers. The north part of the continent was extremely vast. The area that he knew was limited to the Jia Ma Empire and some empires around it. He naturally did not know where this place was.

“Junior pavilion chief, this place should be the northern part of the north region. The wormhole the pavilion chief built does not possess an exact spatial mark, so it can only roughly send us to the north-west...” A

white-haired white-clothed old man beside Xiao Yan looked around before finally taking out a map from his Storage Ring. He opened it, revealing a map that recorded the north continent in detail. At this moment, half of the area on the map was occupied by a ferocious lion head. The other half was marked with a “Yan” character. This was likely the current territory of the Profound Lion Sect and the Yan Alliance.

“Based on the intelligence that we have obtained, the northern part of this north region has become the territory of the Profound Lion Sect. In other words, we have been transported into the territory of the Profound Lion Sect. However, it doesn’t matter. There are not many experts from the Profound Lion Sect in the northern part. Their main strength should currently be gathered at the borders of the Yan Alliance...” The white-clothed elder voiced his thoughts.

“As long as we head south-west through a couple of passes, we should be able to reach the territory of the Yan Alliance...”

Xiao Yan nodded as he looked at the map. Their group had a total of thirty elite Dou Zuns. With this lineup, they could walk unopposed as long as they did not meet the elite forces of the Profound Lion Sect or the Hall of Souls. Hence, it would not be difficult to reach the territory of the Yan Alliance.

“In that case, let’s get moving. We can gather some information about the current news along the way... try your best to suppress your auras. Listen to my orders and do not roam around randomly.”

Xiao Yan turned his head and looked to the distant south-west. After which, he waved his hand, and his toes pressed on the ground. His body turned into a ray of light that rushed away. The rushing sound of wind could be heard as the many figures followed close behind him.

Xiao Yan’s group rushed straight to the Yan Alliance to the south-west. They were flying over territory controlled by the Profound Lion Sect. Hence, they naturally met some armies and experts from the Profound Lion Sect that had been stationed along the way. However, these so called experts were at the very most ordinary Dou Zongs. They did not pose the

slightest threat to Xiao Yan's group. Hence, they did not face any obstructions along the way, and they had also managed to inquire about the current events of the north region from some of the captured experts belonging to the Profound Lion Sect.

Xiao Yan's heart sank when he learned of this information because the situation was deteriorating far faster than he had anticipated. The territory that the Yan Alliance had worked hard for many years in order to obtain had shrunk by a third. Moreover, this shrinking rate was increasing at a shocking speed. From this, one could tell what the powerful strength the Hall of Souls had used for this mission.

From this information, Xiao Yan became aware that most of the experts in the current Yan Alliance were gathered in the Mysterious Yellow Fortress at the Mysterious Yellow Sky Stream. That place was the most important location to the Yan Alliance other than their main camp in the Jia Ma Empire. If this fortress fell, their defenses within a thousand kilometer radius would collapse, forcing the Yan Alliance back to the Jia Ma Empire. It would undoubtedly cause the bitter development of the Yan Alliance to go down the drain!

Hence, Yan Alliance experts along with some other experts who had joined hands with the Yan Alliance to resist the Profound Lion Sect, had all gathered at the Mysterious Yellow Fortress. With the support of the Hall of Souls, the Profound Lion Sect possessed a frightening strength that could eliminate most of the factions in the north-west. After some coercion, the Profound Lion Sect had gained quite a number of experts. Hence, it was difficult to find a faction in the north region of the continent who could fight with them. Even the Yan Alliance was at a disadvantage.

The Profound Lion Sect would naturally not give up the Mysterious Yellow Fortress, which was a place that both parties must fight over. Based on what an expert, who had joined the Profound Lion Sect, said, the current Profound Lion Sect had also dispatched their true elite forces to the Mysterious Yellow Sky Stream. From the looks of it, they were clearly intending on forcefully taking the Mysterious Yellow Fortress to dominate this entire north region of the continent.

This bad news left Xiao Yan with no choice but to hasten his speed. He needed to arrive at the Mysterious Yellow Fortress before the Profound Lion Sect began to forcefully occupy it. Otherwise, the losses that the Yan Alliance would suffer would be too great...

The Mysterious Yellow Sky Stream was situated between two mountain ranges. Due to its natural terrain, it had become a natural fortress that was easy to defend and difficult to attack. The sky above the Sky Stream blew with an extremely chilling wind.. Even an ordinary expert Dou Huang would not dare to touch this wind. The two mountain ranges by the side of the fortress appeared to have been hacked in two by a large sharp axe, giving it an unusually smooth appearance. Additionally, the mountains were extremely imposing. Hence, even some expert Dou Huangs were unable to fly over them.

The Mysterious Yellow Fortress stood at the most important spot of this Mysterious Yellow Sky Stream. One could only pass through this spot within a thousand kilometer radius. Even some of the small neighboring countries would have to pass through this place to deal with each other. Being supported by such a unique and blessed environment, the importance of the Mysterious Yellow Fortress was naturally something that need not be said. The Yan Alliance had paid a great price in order to obtain it.

Outside of the Mysterious Yellow Fortress was an endless grassy plain. If one stood on the fortress, one would be able to see every single activity within the the grassy plains. However, the grassy plains were covered by a black fog at the moment. One could vaguely hear some deafening sounds being emitted. An evil aura spread and surged, causing the expressions of everyone within the Mysterious Yellow Fortress to adopt a grave expression.

Many buildings stood at the middle of the fortress, and there was an exceptionally majestic large building at the center. Quite a number of people were seated within the hall at this moment. However, no one spoke. The entire hall was covered in a solemn silence.

Seated at the leader's seat in the hall was a red-dressed beautiful figure,

who was leaning against the backrest in a somewhat lazy fashion. Her cold and bewitching face vaguely contained a fatigue. Her beautiful eyes, which were filled with an unusual enhancement, radiated the pressure and haughtiness of someone in a powerful position. This haughtiness did not pale even with the flow of time. Who else in the Yan Alliance other than the Queen Medusa from back then or the current Cai Lin, could possess such a prideful demeanor?

These few years did not cause her to change even a little. Instead, she matured and her bewitching charm became denser.

“Everyone, the Profound Lion Sect’s army is pressing us. Today, it is merely a probing attack. However, it is likely that they will formally attack us in less than three days,...”

Cai Lin’s eyes slowly swept over the entire hall. Many familiar faces surfaced.

The Ice Emperor Hai Bodong, Jia Ma Empire’s Pill King Gu He, Fa Ma from back then... currently, all of them appeared slightly older now. However, their auras were far from what they could compare with back then. Clearly, their strength had improved dramatically over the years.

Everyone was quiet when they heard her words. A man seated on a wheelchair by the side softly sighed. He said, “The strength of the Profound Lion Sect is too strong. Their Dou Zun class experts far surpass us. We are no match for them in a head-on confrontation...”

Xiao Ding involuntarily and bitterly laughed after he spoke. Any schemes would lose their effect in the face of absolute strength. It was the first time in all these years that he was feeling so helpless. The Yan Alliance had really met with some trouble...

“Let’s go all out and fight if there is nothing we can do... We can neither advance nor retreat, so why don’t we fight until the end!” A man covered with a fierce aura beside Xiao Ding spoke with an icy-cold face. That appearance was a familiar one. It was surprisingly Xiao Yan’s second brother, Xiao Li!

The hearts of everyone in the hall sank after hearing Xiao Li’s words.

Could it be that it had really come to this stage...

“We have yet to reach that stage...”

Xiao Ding suddenly shook his head amid the silence. He slowly lifted his eyes and a faint smile was revealed on his face. He softly said, “Based on what the Little Fairy Doctor’s group said, third brother should be hurrying back to the Yan Alliance...”

Clamor!

Xiao Ding’s sentence immediately caused the eyes of most of the people in the hall to be lifted. Even Cai Lin in the leader’s seat suddenly focused her eyes on Xiao Ding.

Xiao Ding’s third brother... everyone present, even those experts who had joined the Yan Alliance later on, had heard about him despite not having personally seen him because the young man called Xiao Yan was the true founder of the Yan Alliance!

The young man from back then had created many miracles. Even though the Yan Alliance was managed by Cai Lin during these years, the true spiritual leader of the Yan Alliance was still that young man called Xiao Yan in many people’s hearts.

Xiao Ding smiled as he watched the hall turn into an uproar because of this name. He exchanged glances with Xiao Li by the side. Both of their eyes contained a faint pride. This pride originated from their blood sibling, the young man called Xiao Yan.

“Third brother, it has been a long time since you left. It is time to return...”

Xiao Ding’s eyes stared at the night sky outside of the hall and muttered in his heart.

Chapter 1377: Little Xiao Xiao

The rushing sound of wind was suddenly transmitted across an endless serene blue sky. Immediately, dozens of black figures arrived from the distance. Within a couple of blinks, they stepped through the air and appeared on a green mountain.

“Junior pavilion chief, the area in front of us is the territory of the Yan Alliance. Based on our speed, we should be able to reach the Mysterious Yellow Sky Stream by evening...” A white-robed elder swept his eyes around after landing on the mountain. He spoke to Xiao Yan beside him with a respectful tone.

Xiao Yan slightly nodded. His eyes swept over his group and involuntarily smiled. This powerful lineup might not be extremely powerful within the Central Plains. However, in this north region of the continent, even the stomping of their feet would cause the earth to shake.

“According to the latest news, adding up the experts of the Profound Lion Sect, the Hall of Souls, and some others who have been coerced, they have around thirty or so individuals who have reached the Dou Zun class. On the other hand, the Yan Alliance has, at the very most, ten of them. The number of experts that both sides have is completely disproportionate...” That white-robed old man paused before continuing.

“They also have thirty plus Dou Zuns, huh...”

Xiao Yan gently crossed his fingers. His face revealed an expression of contemplation. Although the quality of the experts in the north region could not be compared to the Central Plains, they should also not be underestimated. After all, this continent was extremely vast. The Hall of Souls was naturally able to find some experts to aid them by using some tactics. Hence, Xiao Yan was not surprised that the Profound Lion Sect would have so many experts helping them. On the other hand, the strongest person in the Yan Alliance when he left back then was Cai Lin, who had been a four or five star Dou Zong. After these years of training, she probably reached the Dou Zun class. After all, she possessed the

bloodline of the Seven Colored Heaven Swallowing Python, and her original talent was quite great. She would naturally be able to gain twice the results with half the effort when she trained.

However, regardless of how strong Cai Lin was, she was only one person. Xiao Yan's expectations were far exceeds when he learned that the Yan Alliance possessed ten elite Dou Zun. This kind of strength could be considered a top tier faction even in the Central Plains. One could imagine just how swift and fierce the Yan Alliance had developed over the years.

"How many experts at the six star Dou Zun class or higher does the Profound Lion Sect have?"

Xiao Yan hesitated for a moment before suddenly asking. The gap between every star within the Dou Zun class was extremely large. For example, if Xiao Yan were to face ten one star elite Dou Zuns, they would not be able to cause him much harm.

"The Profound Lion Sect should have eight people above a six star Dou Zun. There are four among them who have reached the eighth star of the Dou Zun level... however, we do not know if the Hall of Souls has secretly sent any stronger people." The white-robed elder replied.

"Aye... thank you Elder Xia." Xiao Yan nodded and softly responded.

"Junior pavilion chief is too polite..."

"Let's go. We'll increase our speed and try to reach the Mysterious Yellow Sky Stream before evening..."

Xiao Yan softly exhaled. He immediately waved his hand and his toes pressed on the ground. The space in front of him fluctuated, and his body slowly disappeared. The large group behind him was unsurprised when they saw him disappear. Each of them moved their bodies and shot forward.

Rumble!

Dense dark clouds covered the sky above the Mysterious Yellow Sky Stream. A low rolling thunder sounded and resounded unceasingly within a fifty kilometer radius...

The permeating black fog gradually scattered outside the Mysterious Yellow Fortress. When the black fog scattered, it revealed a countless number of figures hidden within it. The endless sea of people stretched to the horizon as shocking battle cries spread from the army in a deafening manner. Even the mountain range began to tremble because of these battle cries.

Countless warriors from the Yan Alliance stood on the towering fortress walls and watched the sea of people in the distance with grave expressions. The Yan Alliance might have met many enemies while it had expanded over the years, but not once had it been suppressed to the point that it could not retaliate, until now

Everyone let out a long sigh in their hearts. Their eyes shifted slightly before finally pausing on the middle of the wall. A pretty figure stood proudly at that spot. She was wearing narrow and tight-fitting red armor. The hard armor had difficulty hiding the alluring curves of her snake-like waist. Even at this moment, her cold enchanting face did not reveal the slightest weakness.

During these years, this woman, who was so beautiful that she appeared like the devil, had led the Yan Alliance out of the Jia Ma Empire to create one of the strongest factions in the north corner of the continent. She had allowed the Jia Ma Empire, which was originally a relatively small and weak empire, to gain a place in the north sphere. In the hearts of some of the Yan Alliance's experts, her position in the Yan Alliance was one that no one could truly replace. From a certain point of view, even the founder of the Yan Alliance could not reach her status!

“Are they finally about to attack...”

Cai Lin's long eyes stared at the black fog that had scattered in the distance. Her hand slowly wrapped around the longsword on her narrow waist. She pressed her red lips together as her face was covered with an icy-cold decisiveness.

“Cai Lin, you should grab Xiao Xiao and leave should we fail to block them...” Xiao Ding sat on a wheelchair. His eyes looked at the permeating

black fog from afar as he softly spoke.

“Aye. This is third brother’s child. Nothing must happen to her!” Xiao Li by the side also revealed a grave expression on his face as he spoke in a deep voice.

Cai Lin shook her head when she heard the words of those two. She turned her head and looked beside her. There was a little girl in white clothes there. The little girl appeared to be four or five years old. She appeared like beautifully carved jade and was extremely cute. There was a small seven colored snake symbol on her brows. Her large dark-black eyes contained a spirituality that caused one to feel the desire to hold her. One could be mesmerized by her. Only when one recovered would one quietly feel awed. She already possessed such an unusual enchantment at such a young age. Would she not be even more bewitching than her mother when she grew up?

Cai Lin looked at the little girl. A doting expression appeared in her narrow icy eyes. She knelt down and gently hugged the little girl. The little girl seemed to be aware that the atmosphere was not quite right, but she did not cry. Her little hands hugged Cai Lin’s long neck as she said in a crisp voice, “Mummy, there is no need to be afraid. First uncle said that father will return...”

Cai Lin curled her mouth when she heard this. She hugged the little girl before lifting her head a moment later. She looked at the Little Fairy Doctor and softly asked, “Will he really return?”

“He should require about half a year in the Heavenly Tomb. Counting the time, he should have already left the Gu Realm. Yao Lao will definitely inform him about the problems here once he reaches the Falling Star Pavilion. Given his character, he will hurry over as quickly as possible...” The Little Fairy Doctor nodded as she replied.

Cai Lin gently blinked her eyes but did not speak. Her hand gently patted the little head of the girl in her embrace. After which, she stared at little the Fairy Doctor and said, “Should the fortress fall, you should grab Xiao Xiao and leave... if anything happens to her, I will never forgive Xiao Yan

no matter what he does... even if I die!”

The Little Fairy Doctor was slightly startled. She searched Cai Lin’s tightly pressed mouth before quietly nodding. She was clearly aware of Cai Lin’s character. She was always haughty and would definitely do what she claimed.

“Ugh, Cai Lin, you have already done too much for the Yan Alliance and the Xiao clan during these years. If we can successfully get through this, I will definitely get Xiao Yan to formally marry you into our Xiao clan!” Xiao Ding by the side softly sighed when he saw this act before speaking in a deep voice. He had witnessed all that Cai Lin had done for the Yan Alliance and the Xiao clan during these years. Back then, Xiao Yan had founded the Yan Alliance, only to throw this a big burden onto Cai Lin’s shoulders. He was aware that Xiao Yan had to leave in order to rescue their father, but Cai Lin, being a woman, had not only helped him give birth to a daughter, she had even helped manage the Yan Alliance. This kind of sacrifice was extensive.

“Aye. Big brother is right. Once that little fellow returns, we will definitely resolve this matter!” Xiao Li heavily nodded. Both he and Xiao Ding had always viewed Xiao Yan as the most important person of the clan. This time around, they would definitely side with their sister-in-law no matter what.

“Let’s first get through the trouble in front of us before talking about this...”

Cai Lin placed little Xiao Xiao, who was still in her embrace, down. A black-clothed young figure also surfaced within her mind. She gently bit her lower red lip as a complicated emotion flashed across her pretty eyes. Things would be alright if the queen of the Snake-people tribe did not marry, but if she really gave her heart to someone, she be extremely loyal to that person. If her beloved died, her heart would die with him. This was the tradition of the Snake-people tribe’s Queen Medusa bloodline. Hence, Cai Lin understood that she would never be able to forget that person in her lifetime. Despite having been apart for many years, that figure did not fade. Instead, that figure had been etched even deeper into her memory.

“Rumble!”

A deafening drum suddenly appeared in the distant black fog when Cai Lin stood up. Immediately, many figures rushed out of the black fog and remained suspended in the sky. A powerful aura spread and covered the fortress.

A strong-looking middle-aged man stood in the sky. He carried a huge golden blade. His eyes displayed an unusual excitement as he stared at the enchanting figure on the wall of the fortress. A loud laugh that was mixed with an overbearing tone resounded over the sky.

“Ha ha, Medusa, have you thought things through? Are you going to surrender to my Profound Lion Sect or will my Profound Lion Sect to slaughter everyone in your Yan Alliance?”

Chapter 1378: Big Battle Begins

A cold expression flashed across Cai Lin's long narrow eyes when she heard the overbearing laughter that echoed across the sky. She gently took a step forward and glanced at the many figures in the distant sky. Her calm voice did not quiver even a little because of the current situation.

Having managed the Yan Alliance for many years, she, who was already the queen of the Snake-people tribe, would not feel even the slightest fear in such a situation!

"The Yan Alliance only has warriors who die in battle and no deserters who surrender..."

The golden-haired middle-aged man stood proudly in the sky. His large golden blade reflected a dense luster. He was not irritated when he heard Cai Lin's words. Instead, he loudly laughed. That heat within his eyes became even more intense. A woman with strong character was more suitable to his taste. Who in the north region was not aware of the cold and beautiful Cai Lin of the Yan Alliance? If he was able to capture her in this battle and keep her as his exclusive domain, any other battle would be nothing. There were women in this world whose every frown and smile could stir a war. Clearly, Cai Lin belonged to that category.

"Medusa, you should be clearly aware that the Yan Alliance is foolishly resisting. With your strength, it is impossible to compare with us... as long as your Yan Alliance agrees to submit to my Profound Lion Sect and hand over all the members of the Xiao clan I will use my position as the sect chief of the Profound Lion Sect to guarantee that not a single person from the Yan Alliance will be hurt!" The golden-haired man faintly laughed.

"Activate the formation!"

Cai Lin merely glanced at the man as he laughed. After which, a soft icy-cold cry was emitted from her mouth.

"Understood!"

Nervous responses immediately appeared from the surroundings

following Cai Lin's soft cry. The sky outside of the fortress trembled, and an enormous energy barrier slowly covered the entire fortress. Finally, it stood between both armies!

“Archers, get ready!”

Cai Lin once again coldly commanded. The creaking sound of bows being pulled immediately resonated again and again. Many seventy-to-eighty-foot-large ballistas were rapidly being loaded by a few people. Twenty-foot-long sharp arrows emitted cold lusters as they stood at the ready. These ballistas and arrows had been built by the Yan Alliance using special materials. When they were used by a couple of Dou Ling warriors, their might could penetrate a careless Dou Huang and firmly nail that Dou Huang to the ground.

The golden-haired man involuntarily frowned when he saw that his voice had attracted these things instead of a response.

“Shi Tian, stop uttering such nonsense. If you like that woman, we will capture her and give her to you once the fortress falls. If those members of the Xiao clan end up escaping because of you, you will not be able to bear the responsibility...” A cold and sinister voice suddenly sounded from behind while the golden-haired man was frowning.

The expression of that middle-aged man called Shi Tian changed when he heard this voice. He turned his head and glanced at a black-clothed elder standing in the air. Many spiritual bodies were lingering around this elder. Their miserable screeches caused one to feel a chill within one's heart. This person's dark and stern face was filled with a familiarity. Upon closer observation, it was the ninth Tianzun, who had once led the experts from the Hall of Souls to attack the Falling Star Pavilion.

“Ninth Tianzun worries too much. The current Yan Alliance is as good as dead. That little strength is not even worth mentioning in our eyes. How could it be possible to let the members of the Xiao clan escape?” Shi Tian laughed.

“You should understand the consequence if any mishaps occur...” Ninth Tianzun glanced at him and felt a little impatient. This person from this

barbaric land only possessed the strength of a six star Dou Zun, yet he was incomparably arrogant. He was ignorant that this little strength was only an ordinary existence.

Shi Tian dryly laughed. He also seemed to be aware of ninth Tianzun's impatience. He didn't feel like uttering any more unnecessary words. He lifted his head and looked at the strong defense of the fortress. A moment later, he suddenly raised his hand as a loud cry was emitted.

"Medusa, your last chance has been forfeited by you... everyone listen up. Attack!"

"Charge!"

The ocean-like army outside of the fortress suddenly unleashed an earth-shaking battle cry after they heard Shi Tian's loud roar. The entire land quickly trembled. The seemingly endless army charge toward the fortress like floodwater with a surging desire to kill.

The expression of everyone on the fortress was a little grave as they sensed the murderous aura that had suddenly spread over the sky. Their hands tightened on their weapons.

"Swoosh swoosh swoosh!"

Waves of the sound of rushing wind immediately erupted from the fortress when the floodwater-like army surged over. The huge arrows from earlier shot out like clusters of dark cloud. They landed on the Profound Lion Sect's army and miserable cries suddenly sounded...

Cai Lin watched a countless number of soldiers get nailed into the ground from the wall. There was not the slightest fluctuation in her pretty eyes. She slowly lifted her head and looked at the sky. There were a hundred people standing in the air at that spot. Behind these hundred people were densely packed Dou Wangs flapping their Dou Qi wings and Dou Huangs. This unit was the most frightening!

"Attack! Break the energy barrier!"

Shi Tian watched the army below, which had been stopped a thousand feet from the fortress. His face did not show the slightest pain. The army

below consisted of people weaker than a Dou Wang, making them cannon fodder. The ones who could truly shake the Yan Alliance were the elites in the sky!

The experts in the sky finally began to form a semicircle with the wave of Shi Tian's hand. They swiftly approached the fortress. A loud cry sounded and wave after wave of powerful Dou Qi pillars whistled through the sky. They rushed toward the Dou Qi barrier from all directions.

"Bang bang bang!"

Countless energy pillars exploded against the energy barrier, causing it to fluctuate and form many circular ripples!

"Archers, change targets. All experts at the Dou Wang class and above, retaliate and stabilize the energy barrier!" Cai Lin issued numerous orders in an orderly fashion as the Profound Lion Sect attacked. She had become unusually familiar with these kinds of battles over the years.

"Swoosh swoosh!"

Cai Lin's words had just sounded when the enormous arrows suddenly shifted. The densely packed arrow clouds spread apart in the sky. They were accompanied by the whistling sound of rushing wind as they ruthlessly shot toward those experts from the Profound Lion Sect in the sky.

"Ah!"

Even though these experts were quite skilled, the bodies of quite a number of them were forcefully penetrated by this attack. Many bodies dropped to the ground like kites with broken strings. However, this bloody battle had caused the experts from both sides to turn mad from fighting. Many powerful Dou Qi figures whizzed toward the sky and ruthlessly took turns striking each other.

"Bang bang!"

Densely packed attacks continuously poured down on the energy barrier. The ripples on the barrier had become more intense. Due to the defenses of the energy barrier, the rate at which the Profound Lion Sect's experts

fell clearly exceeded that of the Yan Alliance.

“They should be sufficiently exhausted...”

Shi Tian watched the continuously rippling energy barrier from the sky. He smiled while his hand slowly displayed a strange hand signal. The reason that the Profound Lion Sect could dominate nearly half of the north continent was not because of these Dou Wangs and Dou Huangs. Instead it was because of their elite Dou Zongs and Dou Zuns.

After Shi Tian displayed this hand signal, the black fog behind him slowly tore apart. Nearly a hundred figures slowly walked forward. There were thirty individuals with frighteningly strong auras. The appearance of these people caused this entire area to tremble a little...

Cai Lin and the others on the wall finally revealed a change in expression when these people appeared. These people would determine the victor of this battle!

“Rumble!”

The hundred figures slowly walked through the air. The enormous arrows that came flying over would automatically explode when they were a thousand feet from them...

“Hah!”

The hundred figures finally halted when they were still a thousand feet away from the fortress. They let out a cold cry in union. One could see wave after wave of majestic Dou Qi surging from their bodies before gathering in the sky. The Dou Qi in the sky formed a ten-thousand-foot-wide energy beast!

The enormous beast took shape. Two hundred-foot-long white streams of smoke were released from its nostrils. After which, it walked through empty air and ruthlessly collided with the energy barrier of the fortress in front of countless pairs of shocked eyes. Although there were ferocious attacks coming from the fortress and smashing into the enormous beast, they were unable to block the beast...

The enormous beast strode across the sky. It endured an incomparably

crazy attack as it heavily knocked against the energy barrier in front of many pale faces. These pale faces belonged to the members of the Yan Alliance.

“Bang!”

The entire place seemed to grow quiet because of the collision. A circular energy ripple began to swiftly spread from the point of the collision. Finally, one heard a “bang.” The energy barrier in the sky emitted a loud explosive sound in front of many shocked gazes and suddenly exploded apart...

Cai Lin slowly clenched her hand when the energy barrier burst apart. An icy-cold voice resounded beside the ears of everyone on the wall.

“Everyone, the north region might be large, but we no longer have any path of retreat because behind us lies our empire and its land. If your heart still possesses a fire, pick up your weapons and fight to the end!”

“Roar!”

“Fight ‘till the end!”

That cold voice instantly caused the eyes of all the warriors from the Yan Alliance to redden. A trembling excitement spread from deep within his heart. It transformed into a furious roar echoed a the sky!

Chapter 1379: Miserable

“Charge!”

A ferocious smile formed on Shi Tian’s face as he watched the energy barrier shatter from the sky. He waved his hand down and coldly cried out.

After Shi Tian’s cry sounded, the many Dou Wangs and Dou Huangs, who had been blocked outside, charged forward with a ferocious roar. They charged toward the walls like a storm!

“Charge!”

Cai Lin suddenly grabbed the longsword on her waist as she watched the human figures charging over with a surging desire to slaughter. A vast and mighty Dou Qi erupted from her body. She swung her sword forward and a thousand-foot-large sword glow hacked dozens of Dou Huangs into two. At the same time, an icy-cold cry was emitted from her mouth.

“Bang!”

Numerous figures on the wall rose the moment Cai Lin’s cold cry sounded. They violently collided with the army of strong individuals from the Profound Lion Sect, and the sounds of battle resonated around the sky.

“Little Fairy Doctor, I will leave Xiao Xiao to you! Guard her well!”

Cai Lin’s pretty eyes turned to the Little Fairy Doctor by her side. She softly gave an order after taking in the situation of the battle, which had become extremely intense as the forces collided.

The Little Fairy Doctor softly sighed and nodded.

“Mummy...” Although little Xiao Xiao was young, she seemed to have sensed the difference in the atmosphere as she hurriedly hugged Cai Lin’s long leg. She lifted her small face and used her dark-black teary eyes to look at her mother.

“Be obedient, don’t be afraid. Mummy will go and look for you in awhile...” Cai Lin gently patted little Xiao Xiao’s head. A doting smile surfaced on her enchanting face. After which, she handed Xiao Xiao to the

Little Fairy Doctor. A reluctance to part with Xiao Xiao flashed across her pretty eyes. However, she clenched her teeth, turned around, and rushed into the air. A majestic Dou Qi surged and turned the few fastest expert Dou Wangs in front into pools of blood.

“Shi Tian, do you dare step forward and fight with this Queen?”

Cai Lin stood in the empty air. Her icy-cold eyes shot toward Shi Tian in the distance as she coldly cried out.

“Ha ha, how can I reject the invitation of a beauty?” Shi Tian laughed aloud upon hearing this offer. The golden blade in his hand danced and formed clusters of sparks. His feet stepped on empty air as he appeared in front of Cai Lin within a couple of flashes. Both of his eyes were fiery hot as they studied the exceptionally delicate and voluminous figure in front of him. This figure could barely be hid by the tight-fitting red armor. Lust suddenly rose from his lower abdomen.

“Such an enchanting creature is really rare. It is really too good for this little brat called Xiao Yan. Once I snatch her, such a beauty will belong to me!”

Cai Lin did not say any unnecessary words after seeing Shi Tian accept the battle. Dou Qi surged from her body without being held back. The longsword in her hand was bared as her body moved. She appeared beside Shi Tian with lightning-like speed. The sharp sword struck at different angles and covered all the fatal spots on Shi Tian’s body like a storm.

Shi Tian’s expression might appear calm when facing Cai Lin’s body, but his heart had become cautious. Cai Lin was not weaker than him. Her battle experience was definitely greater than his after a countless number of battles. Hence, he did not dare to underestimate her. The golden blade danced like a windmill and blocked the sharp sword attacks.

While Cai Lin and Shi Tian were engaged in a big battle in the sky, the area within a thousand-foot-radius of the fortress was filled with chaotic fights. The experts from the Yan Alliance had all charged forward. Both parties clashed and a fiery-hot intense battle immediately erupted.

During this intense battle between both parties, some experts who

accidentally allowed their opponents to grab an opening and kill them. Even some elite Dou Zongs could not protect themselves. Should they be unlucky, they would be surrounded and attacked by over a dozen people, which resulted in them withdrawing from serious injuries. Should one be unlucky, it was not rare for one to be killed on the spot.

The ninth Tianzun was suspended in the sky outside the chaotic battleground. His eyes were indifferent as he watched the battles that continuously erupted. A cold smile surfaced on his body. In his eyes, all the dead people were souls. They would be sucked into the ground by an unusual strength when they died. Even the weak souls did not escape.

“Fight. The more deaths the better...”

Ninth Tianzun laughed in a cold voice. The more dead people, the better it was for the Hall of Souls. After a big battle, they would be able to absorb thousands or even tens of thousands of souls. This kind of speed was many times faster than in the past.

“Bang!”

The Little Fairy Doctor was hugging little Xiao Xiao on the wall. Her expression was cold and indifferent as she swung out a poison Qi pillar. It struck a Profound Lion Sect’s expert, who had charged onto the wall until he spat out black blood and fell. After which, she allowed little Xiao Xiao to hide her eyes against her shoulder. Only then did she raise her head and look around her. Her heart involuntarily sank a little. The Yan Alliance might have had the advantage in terms of terrain, but the quantity and quality of their experts were far inferior to the Profound Lion Sect. Although they were able to block the other party for some time, this could not last for long. At this moment, quite a number of places had been breached by the experts from the Profound Lion Sect. These experts rushed onto the city wall and caused a lot of destruction. If some Yan Alliance experts did not attempt to block the enemy, it was likely that this destruction would have been many times greater.

“Little Fairy Doctor jie-jie, you should bring little Xiao Xiao and leave. This place will not be able to hold out for long...”

A soft cry suddenly sounded from beside the Little Fairy Doctor. The Little Fairy Doctor turned her head and found that Qing Lin had spoken. At this moment, Qing Lin had already summoned all the experts that she could control. With the mysterious strength she possessed, this part of the wall was a lot stronger than the other places.

“Hee hee, you are thinking of leaving? How can it be so easy?”

Qing Lin’s cry had just sounded when a couple of ghost-like figures suddenly rushed over. They remained suspended in the air before letting out a dark laugh.

“Elite Dou Zuns...”

The Little Fairy Doctor knit her brows slightly upon seeing these few figures. The Profound Lion Sect had begun to use these experts...

“Hmph, a couple of Dou Zuns below three stars dare to act presumptuous here!” Qing Lin coldly laughed. Her body moved, and she charged forward. The controlled experts shot out at the same time. They charged and surrounded those few Dou Zuns.

“Little Fairy Doctor, leave!”

Tian Huo zun-zhe had also appeared beside the Little Fairy Doctor when Qing Lin had acted to block those elite Dou Zuns. He spoke in a deep voice while his eyes stared intently into the distance. The large group of Dou Zuns from the Profound Lion Sect had already begun to join the battle. With the strength of these people, any ordinary defenses were basically useless.

Tian Huo zun-zhe did not wait for the Little Fairy Doctor after his voice sounded. With a wave of his hand, a couple of figures came rushing down from the wall. They appeared beside him. These were all the elite Dou Zuns within the Yan Alliance. Although their numbers were far from being comparable to the Profound Lion Sect, they still needed to fight.

“Charge!”

Tian Huo zun-zhe cried out with a deep voice. His feet pressed into the ground as his body took the lead to charge forward. A couple of elite Dou

Zuns followed close behind him.

“Tsk tsk, this little girl possesses an extremely powerful Spiritual Strength. It is the first time that this old self has seen anyone in possession of such Spiritual Strength at such an age ...”

The Little Fairy Doctor’s eyes dimmed slightly when she saw this scene. She hugged little Xiao Xiao and began to hurriedly pull back. However, she had just withdrawn by a thousand feet when a dense black fog rushed over. A shady-looking old man rushed out from the fog. He emitted a strange laugh as the chain in his hand ruthlessly shot toward little Xiao Xiao in the Little Fairy Doctor’s embrace.

“Bastard!”

The Little Fairy Doctor suddenly became furious when she saw that damn old fellow attack a child. She waved her hand and a lethal poisonous Dou Qi pillar shot out and knocked the chain aside. Her toes pressed on the ground, and she once again pulled back instead of giving chase.

“Where can you flee to?”

The Little Fairy Doctor had just pulled back when another black figure arrived with a fierce wind. Sharp wind was released from a palm and ruthlessly slammed toward the Little Fairy Doctor. While this black figure was attacking, that sinister-looking old man once again rushed over. Those two unleashed attacks with their full strengths on both sides of the Little Fairy Doctor, surrounding her in the process.

“Bang!”

“Xiao Li, catch her!”

The Little Fairy Doctor’s expression changed slightly when faced with the combined attack of two elite six star Dou Zuns. The corner of her eye glaced at Xiao Li, who was a short distance away. She flung her hand and a gentle wind delivered little Xiao Xiao away from her. At the same time, an extremely lethal poisonous Dou Qi surged out of her body in all directions. It received the combined attacks of two elite Dou Zuns.

A short distance away, Xiao Li had noticed the Little Fairy Doctor was

surrounded and attacked. He hurriedly moved when he saw her toss little Xiao Xiao his way. Within a couple of leaps, he had arrived behind little Xiao Xiao. However, a ghost-like figure reached little Xiao Xiao when Xiao Li had just extended his hand to grab her. A sharp wind slammed into Xiao Li's chest with lightning-like speed. The powerful force caused Xiao Li to spit out a mouthful of blood as his body flew backwards.

“Bastard!”

Xiao Li's eyes turned blood-red when he saw that this fellow was intending to grab little Xiao Xiao after having launched a sneak attack

“Tsk tsk...”

That skinny old man laughed strangely. After which he turned around and reached toward little Xiao Xiao in the air.

Cai Lin, who was battling Shi Tian in the distance, immediately turned pale when she saw what was happening...

“Medusa, surrender quickly. Otherwise, do not blame the old me for being vicious...”

The skinny old man grabbed little Xiao Xiao's clothes in front of many shocked eyes. He stared at Cai Lin with a ferocious face, but just as he spoke his final word, a chill suddenly appeared deep within his heart. It had just materialized when an icy hand suddenly appeared around his throat without any forewarning. After which, it ruthlessly clamped down like metal pliers. The sound of bones breaking could be as the old man's neck was broken.

The peripheral vision of the old man glanced over just before he died. An unfamiliar black-clothed man with an indifferent expression had unknowingly appeared behind him.

The black-clothed man, who had suddenly appeared, randomly tossed aside the old man's corpse. After which, he extended his arm and hugged that little girl, who was using her large dark-black to stare at him. A gentle smile was revealed on his indifferent face. Raising his head, he studied Cai Lin and the others in the distance, whose bodies had suddenly stiffened.

With a faint smile, his gentle voice was slowly transmitted into the Cai Lin's ears.

“Sorry, I have returned a little late...”

Chapter 1380: Killing With One Palm Strike!

“Xiao Yan?”

“Third brother?”

“Alliance chief?”

Many people quickly became stunned when they saw the black-clothed young man suddenly appear on the wall. A moment later, a wild joy abruptly surged. Many different forms of addresses suddenly reverberated over the fortress. Although the young man appeared to have matured after a couple of years, his extremely familiar face was still recognized by many people in an instant.

Xiao Yan merely grinned when he heard these joyous exclamations. He was just about to speak when his brows were slightly lifted. A figure appeared behind him in a ghost-like fashion. A sharp palm wind ruthlessly slammed toward the Xiao Yan's back.

“Be careful!”

The sudden sneak attack caused many people to be shocked, causing many of them to hurriedly warn him.

“Bang!”

A muffled sound suddenly appeared when the cry appeared. Everyone's faces became stunned when they saw the expert from the Profound Lion Sect, who was at the Dou Zun class, fly backwards without any reason. Blood was spat out of that person's mouth. His eyes were filled with shock. He couldn't even see when Xiao Yan had attacked!

Xiao Yan did not even turn around as he injured an elite Dou Zun into vomiting blood and withdrawing. He lifted his head and glanced around, paying attention to where the Yan Alliance was being overwhelmed. He gently waved his hand. “Begin the offensive.”

“Bang!”

An earth-shaking energy undulation suddenly erupted from the air a short distance away after Xiao Yan waved his hand. Rushing sounds wind sound appeared one after another, and everyone present saw dozens of figures stepping through the air in the sky. They appeared like falling stars as they appeared above the wall within a couple of flashes.

“Elite Dou Zuns?”

The strong individuals from both the Yan Alliance and the Profound Lion Sect suddenly inhaled a breath of cool air when these dozens of figures appeared above the wall because they had discovered that this large group consisted of only elite Dou Zuns!

“What a frightening lineup...”

Xiao Ding, Hai Bodong, and the rest stared at the human figures suspended in the sky with stunned expressions. There were at least thirty people present. In other words, there were at least thirty Dou Zuns. Such a terrifying lineup could dominate any faction in the north region!

“This person... it has been a short few years since we last met. Just what level has he reached...”

Many eyes looked at the black-clothed young man hugging little Xiao Xiao. Some shock surged within their hearts. After which, a joy from having escaped a calamity quietly filled their hearts. They were still clearly aware that the Profound Lion Sect was extremely powerful, but their hearts inexplicably felt safer when they looked at Xiao Yan.

“Ha ha, everyone, let’s attack. Allow us taste just how strong the Dou Zuns of the north part of the continent are.”

The eldest Hu brother laughed toward the sky

He stepped through empty air and rushed toward the experts from the Profound Lion Sect. The remaining experts behind him also laughed and shot forward. Monstrous Dou Qis shook the fortress.

Xiao Yan merely smiled at the changing situation. He withdrew his eyes and looked at the girl in his arms. She had been staring at him with her large dark-black eyes for a long time. He softly asked, “What is your

name?”

“Xiao Xiao...” The little girl stared at Xiao Yan. Although she wasn’t familiar with his appearance, a special feeling of being related, which originated from her bloodline, caused her to possess no caution toward Xiao Yan. Her reply was forthright but timid.

An unusual feeling surged within Xiao Yan’s heart when he saw the cute little Xiao Xiao. He smiled and pinched her little nose before asking, “Do you know who I am?”

Little Xiao Xiao seriously stared at Xiao Yan. A moment later, she finally used an extremely soft whisper to reply, “Are you father?”

The soft word was transmitted into Xiao Yan’s ear, causing his heart to violently tremble. A feeling surged around his body like floodwater. An extremely brilliant and warm smile slowly bloomed on his face. “Good girl.”

“Lad, you are finally willing to return!”

A joyous loud cry suddenly resounded while Xiao Yan was hugging little Xiao Xiao. He turned his head and watched a man rapidly roll his wheelchair over. Some excitement surged in his heart as he laughed, “Big brother, second brother, how are the both of you...”

“You!”

Xiao Li’s originally dark and cold face was currently filled with joy. He charged over and violently pulled Xiao Yan into a big hug. His hand forcefully patted Xiao Yan’s shoulder.

“Are you fine?” Xiao Li looked at Xiao Yan in front of him. Even someone as cold as him became involuntarily excited at this moment. He started to laugh.

“Aye...” Xiao Yan nodded. Everyone had experienced some changes over these few years. However, the only thing that had difficulty changing was this relationship between brothers.

“It’s good that you are back. It is still not too late...” Xiao Ding studied

Xiao Yan, who was momentarily speechless. Xiao Ding smiled as he commented on the situation.

“Ha ha, alliance chief, you have really performed your role as a hands-off leader very well...” Another few figures hurried over while Xiao Yan nodded. The familiar laughter caused Xiao Yan to feel startled. He lifted his head and saw many familiar faces: Ice Emperor Hai Bodong, Fa Ma, and the Pill King of the Jia Ma Empire, Gu He...

“Xiao Xiao...”

A red figure rushed over while Xiao Yan was cupping his hands to these old familiar figures. She pulled Xiao Xiao into her embrace. After which, her pretty eyes continued to sweep over Xiao Xiao’s body afraid of even the slightest mishap occurring to her.

Xiao Yan studied this bewitching woman in front of him. She still appeared delicate and voluminous despite wearing tight-fitting red armor. A gentleness also appeared in his eyes as he softly called out, “Cai Lin...”

Cai Lin’s lovely figure stiffened when she heard Xiao Yan’s voice. She finally lifted her head. Her pretty eyes were somewhat complicated as they stared at the black-clothed young man in front of her. She immediately rubbed little Xiao Xiao’s head while she remarked, “I thought that you wouldn’t return...”

Cai Lin’s voice contained some anger while it also hid some grievances. During these years, she, as a woman, had to not only raise this child, she also had to develop the Yan Alliance. She had worried over all these matters, and these burdens had all been left to her by this man...

“Third brother, sister-in-law has had a hard time during these years. You should not let her down. Otherwise, I and your big brother, will be the first to oppose.” Xiao Li patted Xiao Yan’s shoulder. He spoke in a low tone when he saw Cai Lin.

“That’s right. We have Cai Lin to thank for all these years...” Hai Bodong and the others by the side nodded in agreement.

Xiao Yan was quiet. He searched Cai Lin’s tightly curled lips and an

apology suddenly surged in his heart. He took two steps forward, extended his hand, and gently hugged that soft delicate snake-like waist. He ignored her struggle and pulled her into an embrace before he softly said, "I'm sorry. It has been hard on you..."

Even someone as strong as Cai Lin sensed her nose turning runny when she heard the soft voice beside her ear. Regardless of how strong she acted in the eyes of the public, she was still a woman. Moreover, she was a woman who had settled down. Her heart would inevitably feel some grievances when her man was away for many years, but these grievances suddenly vanished upon hearing these two soft sentences.

"Do not think that I will let you off because of this!"

Even though the grievances in her heart had disappeared, the stubborn Cai Lin still grit her teeth and snapped. Her cold yet pretty face turned a little flush as she freed herself from Xiao Yan's hand. She was an extremely strong person in the eyes of everyone from the Yan Alliance. Hence, she was unwilling to be seen in Xiao Yan's embrace like his little woman.

"Leave everything else to me..."

Xiao Yan smiled before gently pinching little Xiao Xiao small face. He said, "Good daughter, you must follow your mother..."

"Aye, father, do your best..." Little Xiao Xiao nodded and spoke in a soft timid manner.

"Be careful. There are many elite Dou Zuns on the other side!" Cai Lin said with some worry.

Xiao Yan smiled and stepped into the air. He slowly walked away from the wall while his eyes glanced at the large golden-haired man. That man was gloomily staring at him a short distance away.

"You are Xiao Yan? The Alliance Chief of the Yan Alliance?" Shi Tian stared intently at Xiao Yan. He had watched Xiao Yan hug Cai Lin earlier, and an intense jealousy rose within his heart. Even though he had yet to take the Mysterious Yellow Fortress, he had already thought of Cai Lin as

his. How could he endure her being tainted by others?

Xiao Yan acted as though he did not hear Shi Tian's cold cry. Shi Tian immediately became furious upon seeing. Xiao Yan ignore him The large blade in his hand suddenly hacked down in a ruthless fashion. A thousand-foot-long blade glow ruthlessly slashed at Xiao Yan's head.

"Be careful. He is the sect chief of the Profound Lion Sect, an elite six star Dou Zun!

Cai Lin and the others on the wall hurriedly warned Xiao Yan when they saw him ignore Shi Tian.

The golden blade glow ruthlessly struck Xiao Yan's body after everyone's warning. However, the unusually powerful attack failed to force Xiao Yan back even half a step.

"How is this possible?"

Shi Tian was not the only one stunned when he saw this. Even Cai Lin's group had completely astounded faces. Shi Tian's attack was something even a seven star Dou Zun did not dare to receive head-on without putting up any defenses...

Xiao Yan gently flicked his sleeve as his palm was slowly swung toward Shi Tian. A frighteningly hot wind penetrated through the air and gathered into a large fire hand in front of Shi Tian with lightning-like speed. It slammed into Shi Tian's body.

"Grug!"

As the palm slammed down, the Dou Qi defenses lingering around Shi Tian's body appeared paper-thin. They were destroyed in an instant, and a frightening wind poured into his body causing him to spit out a mouthful of fresh blood. The clothes on his body were blasted into ashes while his body transformed into a fireball that violently flew backwards. Finally, his collided with the ground.

"Hiss..."

The experts from both the Yan Alliance and the Profound Lion Sect

suddenly inhaled a deep breath of chilly air. The sect chief of the Profound Lion Sect was unable to receive even a strike from Xiao Yan.

“Ninth Tianzun, show yourself...”

Xiao Yan lifted his head after randomly finishing off Shi Tian. His eyes locked on the distant black fog, and a faint voice suddenly resounded over the sky like thunder!

Chapter 1381: Completely Different from Before

After this cold cry was made, the black fog that spread over the distant sky fluctuated before scattering apart. A blue figure slowly stepped through the air. Within a couple of flashes, the figure appeared a thousand feet from Xiao Yan.

“I was wondering who it was. It is actually you, a homeless stray. Unexpectedly, you possess the courage to return to this place... in that case, I will also capture you and bring you back with the rest.” The ninth Tianzun’s eyes looked at Xiao Yan in a chilly manner as he coldly laughed.

“I’m afraid that you do not possess the qualifications...”

Xiao Yan smiled. If he had met this ninth Tianzun before entering the Heavenly Tomb, things might have been a little troublesome. However, just Xiao Yan’s current strength was no weaker than his. If they were to exchange blows, Xiao Yan was confident he could force the ninth Tianzun to remain here forever.

Xiao Yan has never feared anyone within the same level!

“What arrogant words! You really think that you can be haughty with the growth in your strength. Today, I’m afraid that you won’t be able to leave this place!”

The ninth Tianzun coldly cried out. However, he did not attack immediately. He was no fool. He could tell that Xiao Yan’s strength had improved by leaps and bounds because he had seriously injured Shi Tian with just one strike. Hence, he would naturally be a little careful, given his cautious nature.

“Chi!”

The black fog behind the ninth Tianzun rippled after his cold voice sounded. Three figures immediately rushed over and stood beside the ninth Tianzun. Their sinister eyes swept over Xiao Yan as they laughed in a strange manner, “It is actually this brat. It is rumored that our Hall of

Souls has failed many times to capture him...”

“Why don’t we act together and capture him? We will be given great credit if we can bring this brat back.”

Cai Lin and the others on the wall were startled when they saw the sudden appearance of these people. They could sense the frightening auras of these four people...

Xiao Yan’s eyes swept over the three black-robed old men who had suddenly appeared. These three were clearly experts from the Hall of Souls. Their strengths were also around that of an eight star Dou Zun. Thus, they were relatively strong. It seemed that these were the four eight star Dou Zun experts mentioned in the information Xiao Yan had obtained.

“Ha ha, those from the Hall of Souls always like to do such things...”

A loud laugh was transmitted from behind Xiao Yan when the three black-robed old men appeared. They were the three Hu elders who Yao Lao had hired. Due to the frightening lineup that Xiao Yan had brought with him, the Yan Alliance had already stabilized the situation. Those enemy experts who had charged onto the wall had been eliminated. The remaining individuals from the Profound Lion Sect had lost a great amount of their vigor from earlier because of the sudden appearance of these dozens of elite Dou Zuns. They did not dare to randomly charge over at the moment...

The three Hu elders managed to find the time to come to Xiao Yan’s aid after stabilizing the situation. The three of them were quite well-known in the Central Plains region. Hence, they were not afraid of the Hall of Souls, so their tones were a little rude.

“Three Hu elders? It is unexpected that you old farts who refuse to die have also come. Looks like you have really lived too long. Even your brains are deluded...”

The expression of the ninth Tianzun in the sky sank when he saw the three Hu elders. He immediately let out a cold laugh. From the looks of it, he had clearly heard of the Hu elders.

“Ha ha, other people might be afraid of your Hall of Souls, but we are not. This world is so huge. Do you really think that your Hall of Souls can dominate it?” The eldest Hu brother curled his mouth. He did not pay heed to this threat from the ninth Tianzun.

“Junior pavilion chief, this noisy old fellow will be left to you. The three of us will take care of the three others. What do you say?”

Xiao Yan slightly smiled and immediately nodded upon hearing the words of the eldest Hu brother. The three Hu elders were also eight star Dou Zuns. It would not be a problem for them to deal with three experts of similar strength.

“Ha ha, in that case, let’s see who will be able to finish off their opponent first...” The oldest Hu brother loudly laughed. Dou Qi surged out of his body in all directions. The second and third Hu brothers followed close behind. After which, they separated and rushed to attack the other two black-robed elders.

“Hmph, since all of you wish to deliver yourself to us, we shall accept your offers!”

Those three black-robed elders chuckled in a sinister tone when they saw the three old Hu brothers rushing over. Dark fog surged out of their bodies as they moved, transforming into three black balls of smoke that heavily collided with the Hu brothers. Immediately, frightening energy fluctuations swiftly expanded.

The ninth Tianzun frowned when he saw the six individuals engage in a fight within an instant. He had not expected Xiao Yan to bring so many experts from the Central Plains.

“Our mission this time around is to capture all the members of the Xiao clan. Looks like we must first deal with this person today...”

A glint flashed over the ninth Tianzun’s eyes before a ferocious glow appeared in them. He clenched his hand without any unnecessary words and dark chilly air swiftly gathered. It finally turned into a layer of black crystals that covered his right hand. At the same time, his foot stepped through empty air and his body disappeared in a strange manner in front

of many gazes.

“What swift speed...”

The faces of the Yan Alliance experts on the wall became anxious when they saw the ninth Tianzun disappearing in a flash.

“Such speed... is still insufficient.”

Xiao Yan in the sky merely shook his head. He waved his hand to strike the empty space beside him with lightning-like speed. An illusory figure immediately appeared from the spot where the wind from his palm reached. A dark and chilly palm violently clashed with Xiao Yan’s hand.

“Bang!”

A wind containing a dark chill mixed with a strong heat before erupting from the point of contact as both palms clashed. Space itself was shaken until it became distorted.

“Eight star Dou Zun?”

The powerful wind erupted and the ninth Tianzun’s body appeared, but his expression changed because of the hot and cold forces that were erupting around his arm like floodwater. A groan was emitted from his throat as he was forced back over a dozen steps. Shock immediately surged onto his face. After an initial exchange, he had suddenly realized that the current Xiao Yan had reached the eighth star of the Dou Zun class!

The ninth Tianzun clearly remembered when he met with Xiao Yan half a year ago. Back then, Xiao Yan had just reached the fifth star. Although he had sensed that Xiao Yan’s aura had soared, he had not expected this great increase to reach such a terrifying extent.

The experts of the Yan Alliance on the wall erupted into a cheer when they saw Xiao Yan had obtained the upper hand in a head-on clash with the ninth Tianzun. A shock that could not be hidden also appeared in their eyes. By being able to force the ninth Tianzun, who was an eight star Dou Zun, back, the strength of the current Xiao Yan must have reached that of an eight star Dou Zun.

“Ugh, Xiao Yan had only just reached the Dou Huang class when he left back then... it has only been a few short years, yet his strength has soared to such an extent. We have no choice but to admire him.”

Hai Bodong and the rest faced each other. He helplessly sighed a moment later. During these years, he had relied on the medicinal pills accumulated by the Yan Alliance to breakthrough to the Dou Zong class after experiencing much difficulty. Originally, he thought that he was fairly quick, but there was no way for them to even compare with Xiao Yan.

“It has been over half a year since we last met, yet you have not even improved a little...”

Xiao Yan shook his head when he saw the ninth Tianzun’s shock. Xiao Yan’s strength had reached the peak of an eight star Dou Zun. The ninth Tianzun was now a little weaker than Xiao Yan. Back then, Xiao Yan had already been able to engage the ninth Tianzun in an intense battle with just the strength of a five star Dou Zun. Now, this so-called ninth Tianzun no longer posed even the slightest threat to him.

“Brat, it is still too early for you to be pleased!”

The ninth Tianzun’s face immediately turned a little green when he heard Xiao Yan’s words. A seal was formed by his hand with lightning-like speed as a muffled cry was emitted from his throat. The dark chilly air around them swiftly gathered into many thousand-foot-tall energy palms after this cry sounded. Palm wind whistled and furiously struck at Xiao Yan from all directions.

Faced with the ninth Tianzun’s powerful attack, Xiao Yan stepped through empty space and acted like he was taking a leisurely stroll. Many after-images appeared, causing the many large energy palms to miss. Some of the large energy palms that could not be dodged were forcefully shattered with a flick of Xiao Yan’s wrist.

Xiao Yan stepped through empty air in front of the countless number of gazes present. He stepped closer and closer to the ninth Tianzun. Regardless of how the red-faced ninth Tianzun tried to block Xiao Yan, he

was unable to cause Xiao Yan to pause for even a moment. Watching this battle, everyone understood that Xiao Yan's strength had far surpassed the ninth Tianzun's strength!

“Bang!”

A purple-brown flame rose in Xiao Yan's hand and forcefully shattered an enormous energy palm that was approaching his body before his footsteps finally came to a stop. He lifted his head and looked at the ninth Tianzun, whose expression was a little pale. A faint smile appeared. They were both eight star Dou Zuns, but Xiao Yan's strength had surpassed him by many times. Adding the Ancient Insect Emperor Cloth and the Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor, the ninth Tianzun's attacks were no longer able to harm him. This battle, which was on a completely different level, did not have any meaning from the beginning.

“He is not just at the eighth star. He is at the peak of the eighth star... this person is improving at an impossibly rapid pace. I can no longer match him...”

Regardless of how ugly the ninth Tianzun's expression was when he watched Xiao Yan shatter his attacks, he had to admit that his current strength was no match for Xiao Yan. He decisively clenched his teeth and stomped a foot on empty air, causing his body to suddenly withdraw.

“Since you are already here, why do you need to leave?”

Xiao Yan grinned after seeing the Ninth Tianzun flee. Xiao Yan's body slowly disappeared, and he was already behind ninth Tianzun when he appeared. His right hand gently slapped the empty air, and a cluster of black light swiftly spread while accompanied by a faint destructive aura...

The ninth Tianzun's expression suddenly became pale as he sensed the annihilation aura that spread over with lightning-like speed. With Xiao Yan's current strength, unleashing a Tian class Dou Skill like the Great Heaven Creation Palm was like the sickle of a death god for the ninth Tianzun!

The ninth Tianzun suddenly lowered his head while his heart was covered with an aura of death. He looked at the ground below and his

voice sharply cried out.

“Fourth brother, save me!”

Chapter 1382: Fourth Tianzhu, Xue He!

Xiao Yan was a little startled when he heard the ninth Tianzun's sudden screech. His peripheral vision caught sight of the ground below that been dyed red with fresh blood. From the looks of it, this Hall of Souls did indeed have an even stronger hidden expert who had not attacked.

“Regardless of whether there is a helper, I will kill this person first!”

Xiao Yan's eyes flickered. A ferocious glow flashed an instant later as he abruptly pushed his hand forward. The rate at which the dark-black light circle spread suddenly soared.

The ninth Tianzun was terrified when he sensed the frightening energy behind him. Dou Qi erupted from his body before he swung back, but no matter how he retaliated, the spreading speed of the black light did not slow by even a little...

“Fourth brother!”

It was futile regardless how the ninth Tianzun struggled. His face also became void of color as a sharp cry once again sounded.

“Bang!”

The ground violently trembled after the second scream from the ninth Tianzun sounded. It was possible to see the ground swiftly crumble apart. Within the blink of an eye, a deep abyss that was a couple thousand feet long appeared in front of many stunned gazes. Following the appearance of this deep abyss, a nauseating bloody scent surged out in all directions and some incomparably sharp screeches were vaguely emitted...

The appearance of the deep abyss surprised Xiao Yan in the sky. It was unexpected that such a being was hiding under the ground. It seemed that the people from the Hall of Souls had come prepared. Although Xiao Yan was surprised in his heart, his reaction was not slow. He pushed his right hand forward and a black light circle merged with the ninth Tianzun's left arm like lightning.

“Ah!”

A miserable cry was immediately emitted from the ninth Tianzun's mouth after his left arm was dragged into the black light. An unblockable tearing force surged out of the light circle. In an instant, it tore the ninth Tianzun's arm until it became blurry. If he had not unleashed all of his Dou Qi to block the tearing force, his arm would have turned into dust at that moment. Even though it didn't instantly disappear, the tearing force still swiftly entered his arm and caused his muscles, blood vessels, and even bones to swiftly explode and deform.

"Hmph!"

Xiao Yan coldly cried out after having successfully grabbed the ninth Tianzun and suddenly clenched his hand. The suction force within the light circle suddenly surged and pulled the rest of the ninth Tianzun's body toward it.

"Crack!"

The ninth Tianzun's heart was at a completely shock after having sensed Xiao Yan's intentions. He clenched his teeth, curled his hand into a blade, and chopped off his own arm.

"Trying to escape?"

Xiao Yan was startled when he realized that the ninth Tianzun was this ruthless. He immediately laughed in his heart. The black light circle once again sped up and grew a couple more times before once again approaching the ninth Tianzun. This caused the ninth Tianzun's speed to be severely limited. At this moment, he finally sensed just how frightening this Great Heaven Creation Palm was. When Xiao Yan was only a four star Dou Zun, the ninth Tianzun was able to rely on his strength, which had far surpassed Xiao Yan's, to block the Great Heaven Creation Palm. However, their levels were similar now. He no longer possessed any strength to resist it.

"Swoosh!"

Some despair surfaced in the ninth Tianzun's eyes before a reaction finally occurred in the enormous abyss below. The rushing sound of wind appeared as a thousand-foot-large bloody glow erupted. It agglomerated

into a blood dragon that emitted a roar as it ruthlessly charged toward Xiao Yan with a shocking momentum.

Xiao Yan's expression changed as he sensed the ripple that was suddenly transmitted from below, but he did not turn around to receive the attack. Instead, his eyes were dark and cold as they stared at the ninth Tianzun's face, which had revealed a joy when this attack appeared. He coldly smiled and pushed his hand forward again, and a black light circle rushed out with lightning-like speed. Finally, it devoured the ninth Tianzun's body.

“Ah!”

The ninth Tianzun's terrified cry was emitted from within the black light after being devoured by it. He did not expect Xiao Yan to completely ignore the powerful blood dragon attack!

“Bang!”

The blood dragon that had whistled over ruthlessly collided with Xiao Yan's body the moment the black circular light devoured the ninth Tianzun's body. As it ruthlessly collided with Xiao Yan, a rich blood-colored light exploded in the sky...

Watching the spreading blood light, which bloomed in the sky like a blood-colored sun, the expressions of Cai Lin's group on the wall changed. They had not expected Xiao Yan to endure this blow. The frightening energy contained within the blood dragon earlier was enough to kill a six star Dou Zun on the spot!

The wall had descended into a dead silence. There was still some joy from earlier, but the joy was permeated with shock at this moment...

“Those from the Hall of Souls always like to hide in the darkness like rats...”

This silence continued for over a dozen seconds as everyone's hearts sank. At this moment, a faint voice suddenly echoed across the sky. A ‘swoosh’ sound appeared as almost every pair of eyes gathered in the sky. A skinny figure was stepping through the air as he slowly walked out of

the spreading blood light...

An earth-shaking cheer abruptly erupted from the fortress when that skinny figure appeared in front of their eyes.

“Hu...”

Cai Lin and the others sighed in relief when they heard the cheers beside their ears. They had been terrified by the unexpected situation earlier.

“Huh?”

A faint exclamation rang out of the deep abyss when Xiao Yan appeared to be unharmed after receiving that attack. A countless number of people heard a splashing sound from the abyss. It appeared as though the blood was flowing within it...

The sound of flowing liquid became louder in front of countless pairs of eyes. A moment later, a blood color suddenly surfaced from the deep abyss. It was a vicious scarlet sea!

The viscous blood sea continued to rise from the deep abyss. It finally came to a slow halt when it was level with edges of the deep abyss. The blood sea flowed and a completely blood-red figure slowly appeared. The figure lifted both of his scarlet eyes as he looked indifferently at Xiao Yan. A hoarse voice resounded over the sky. “You are indeed worthy of being a person that the hall chief attaches much importance to. You do possess the ability to be proud...”

Xiao Yan studied that human figure below. At this moment, this person was wearing a long blood-colored robe. His long hair was scarlet in color, and his red eyes caused one’s heart to feel a bloody scent spread over when they looked in one’s direction.

This sudden blood figure also caused many experts from the Profound Lion Sect to be stunned. Even they were unaware that such a mysterious expert was present in their camp.

“What frightening strength this person has...”

The hearts of some experts from the Yan Alliance sank upon seeing this

blood figure. Although they were unable to sense the blood figure's exact strength, it was obvious that the strength of this person was the strongest within the Profound Lion Sect's camp.

"Xue He zun-zhe?"

The three Hu elders, who were battling those three experts from the Hall of Soul, had stopped because of this scene. Their eyes gravely observed that blood-colored figure as they stated in a deep voice.

"Xue He zun-zhe?" Xiao Yan lifted his brow.

"Junior pavilion chief, be careful. This person is an extremely renowned expert within the Central Plains. His Blood Transforming Grand Skill is extremely mysterious. Many top level experts have died in his hands back then. However, he suddenly vanished, and it seems that he has joined the Hall of Souls..." The eldest Hu brother spoke with a grave expression.

"Ha ha, that was a name from a long time ago... all of you can now address me as fourth Tianzun or perhaps Xue He Tianzun..." The human figure, who was standing in the sea of blood, lifted his head and laughed in a hoarse manner when he heard the eldest Hu brother's words.

"Fourth Tianzun, huh..."

Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes. The Hall of Souls really had many hidden experts. This person should be a peak Dou Zun of the ninth star. He was only one step away from the Ban Sheng class. It was unexpected that the Hall of Souls would dispatch such an expert. If he had not hurried back in time, the Yan Alliance fates would have been worrying...

"You really act leisurely. However, you are too lazy to even rescue the life of your companion."

Xiao Yan faintly laughed. He randomly waved his hand, and a corpse that had been torn until its form was altered flew out. Finally, it landed in front of the fourth Tianzun. From the looks of it, it was the ninth Tianzun who had been struck by the Great Heaven Creation Palm earlier. However, he had completely lost his life...

"It is pointless to rescue trash, who has failed many times..."

The fourth Tianzun glanced at the corpse. He widened his mouth and a blood arrow shot from it. This blood arrow caused the ninth Tianzun to turn into a pool of blood that exploded. His voice was void of any emotion as he spoke.

“Emotions are indeed unnecessary to you people from the Hall of Souls...” Xiao Yan mockingly lifted his mouth and spoke after witnessing this scene.

“Ha ha, emotions should be abandoned...” The fourth Tianzun laughed when he heard Xiao Yan’s words. He immediately shook his head and softly sighed, “Originally, I did not wish to intervene, but that fellow is too useless and even ended up dying in your hands. Since this is the case... allow the old me to act on his behalf. The old me will bring back all the people with the blood of the Xiao clan...”

The sea of blood in the deep abyss suddenly shot out and formed many large blood pillars after the fourth Tianzun’s words sounded. The blood fog spread, and a dense bone-chilling aura slowly swept out in all directions from the fourth Tianzun’s body!

Chapter 1383: Blood Devouring Skill

A cold and sinister aura swept away from the fourth Tianzun's body like a storm. The blood of those within his aura boiled at this moment, regardless of whether or not they were from the Yan Alliance or Profound Lion Sect. Immediately, one could hear a "bang, bang, bang" sound as countless numbers of bodies exploded. A pool of bloody pulp dyed the ground until it was incomparably red.

This indiscriminate killing by the fourth Tianzun naturally shocked both parties. Those people close to the abyss hurriedly pulled back. Within a short instant, the entire area had become empty.

"Bastard, what are you doing? Don't tell me that you have forgotten our agreement?"

A short distance away, Shi Tian, who had been seriously injured by a strike from Xiao Yan, had finally caught his breath at this moment. He immediately became furious and cried out loud when he saw the fourth Tianzun began to kill people from the Profound Lion Sect's army.

The fourth Tianzun floated over the sea of blood. His eyes were indifferent as they glanced at Shi Tian, who had cried out furiously. He slowly raised his hand and point it at Shi Tian from some distance away before abruptly clenching his hand.

"Bang!"

Shi Tian's furious cry suddenly halted the when fourth Tianzun clenched his hand. Shi Toan's body exploded in an instant, causing blood to shoot out in all directions.

The faces of the Profound Lion Sect's experts were greatly shocked when they saw that this person had killed even the chief of the Profound Lion Sect. Although, they were extremely furious, none of them dared to let out an angry cry. Even Shi Tian was unable to block a random palm from the fourth Tianzun. Even less needed to be said for them, and some of the experts in the Profound Lion Sect's camp had been threatened and lured over to the Hall of Souls. They could not be called loyal to the Profound

Lion Sect anymore. Naturally, they would not take the initiative to help them.

“Pull back the Yan Alliance’s front line. This fellow experiences mood swings. In any case, it would be a suicidal for an ordinary army to get involved...” Cai Lin knit her brows and ordered in a deep voice.

“Understood.” Xiao Ding and Xiao Li by the side nodded when they heard her command. They quickly relayed her orders to swiftly withdraw all soldiers outside of the fortress.

“Now, we can only hope that Xiao Yan will be able to deal with this person. Otherwise, the Mysterious Yellow Fortress will not avoid a terrible bloodshed...” Hai Bodong spoke with a grave face.

“Aye...” Even Cai Lin could only nod her head when she heard these words. The strength of that so-called fourth Tianzun was obviously great. None of the people present could contend with him. Hence, they could only place all their hope on Xiao Yan.

Xiao Yan in the sky frowned as he watched the fourth Tianzun randomly cause a person’s body to self-destruct. An expression of contemplation flashed across his eyes. “This person is called Xue He Tianzun (Blood River Tianzun). Moreover, he also knows the Blood Transforming Grand Skill. He probably can control the blood in a person’s body...”

Xiao Yan had come across experts who could control the blood of another person. However, none of them had been as tough as this fourth Tianzun. A six star Dou Zun’s body had exploded with a flick of his hand. Although Shi Tian’s serious injuries factored in, the mysterious technique of the fourth Tianzun was the main reason.

“Splash!”

The sea of blood suddenly rippled while Xiao Yan was thinking to himself. The fourth Tianzun stepped forward and walked through empty air. He took a step at a time and finally stopped a short distance away from Xiao Yan. His blood-colored hair fluttered and a bloody scent quietly spread across the sky.

“Peak of an eight star Dou Zun. This is indeed quite strong...”

The fourth Tianzun studied Xiao Yan. An ugly smile rose onto his face as he lifted his hand and violently clenched it in Xiao Yan’s direction. The space in front of the fourth Tianzun immediately became distorted after he clenched his hand.

A thought passed through Xiao Yan’s heart as he observed the fourth Tianzun with a frown. A majestic Dou Qi broke from his body. The Dou Qi transformed into a fierce flame that wrapped around him...

“Dou Qi will not be able to block my Blood Transforming Grand Skill...” The fourth Tianzun laughed in a hoarse voice when he saw Xiao Yan’s Dou Qi.

The fourth Tianzun’s words had just sounded when Xiao Yan sensed the blood within his body began to churn uncontrollably. He could vaguely feel that his blood was about to burst from their vessels.

Xiao Yan’s expression changed slightly when he sensed the transformation occurring in his body. This fellow’s so-called Blood Transforming Grand Skill was indeed unique. However, Xiao Yan was about to suppress the churning blood within his body when his heart suddenly pounded. He quickly noticed a strange strength spreading from his heart. Finally, this strength spread to his blood vessels, and the boiling feeling disappeared almost the moment the strength came into contact with his blood.

“This is... the merged bloodline from the Heavenly Tomb?”

This change caused Xiao Yan to feel startled as some surprise flashed across his eyes. It was unexpected that this newly formed bloodline was this powerful. Even the fourth Tianzun’s Blood Transforming Grand Skill was unable to effect it.

“Looks like your Blood Transforming Grand Skill is not as strong as you described it...”

Xiao Yan lifted his head after sensing the blood gradually calming within his body. He smiled at the fourth Tianzun while he spoke.

“What happened?”

The fourth Tianzun was startled when there was no response from Xiao Yan's body. He frowned. This Blood Transforming Grand Skill was a Tian class Dou Skill. Even some elite Ban Shengs would be affected by it, causing them to split their attention to suppress it. Why was it that this skill was completely useless against Xiao Yan?

Xiao Yan slightly smiled. Both of his hands quickly formed many mysterious seals. After the formation of these seals, a mysterious clan tattoo slowly appeared on his brows.

“Xiao clan's clan tattoo? You have actually activated the Xiao clan's bloodline?”

The fourth Tianzun was startled when he saw the clan tattoo on Xiao Yan's brows. The Xiao clan's bloodline had already been wasted, everyone knew that. Why could Xiao Yan summon the clan tattoo?

No one could answer the fourth Tianzun question. Xiao Yan's aura suddenly soared when the clan tattoo appeared. Within a short instant, it was no longer inferior to the fourth Tianzun's aura. The strengthening effect of the clan tattoo was perfectly displayed at this moment.

“Hu...”

Xiao Yan comfortably inhaled a mouthful of air as he sensed the surging Dou Qi from within his body. He immediately lifted his head and smiled at the frowning fourth Tianzun. His foot stepped forward, and his body vanished the moment his foot landed.

“Even though the Blood Transforming Grand Skill is useless against you, I am still able to sense the flow of the blood in your body to determine your position. Therefore, your speed is useless against me!”

The fourth Tianzun coldly laughed when he saw Xiao Yan vanish. He swiftly took three steps back as wave after wave of blood-red Dou Qi flowed out of his body and gathered into a thick blood cuticle on his palm. He then ruthlessly smashed it toward the empty space to the right, “Come out!”

A stench-filled palm wind arrived and the space immediately became distorted. A figure also appeared. It was Xiao Yan.

Although Xiao Yan's position was detected, he did not show any signs of dodging. Instead, he stepped forward and allowed the fourth Tianzun's attack to land on his chest. At the same time, a hot fist suddenly whizzed out. Its swiftness did not allow time for any reactions. The palm wind ruthlessly struck the fourth Tianzun's body. This fighting method did not involve any skill. It was a literal exchange of blows.

“Bang!”

The fists of the two ruthlessly landed on the other party's body. However, Xiao Yan's shoulders merely shook after receiving a blow from the fourth Tianzun. His expression was not altered. On the other hand, the fourth Tianzun was forced a couple of steps back by Xiao Yan's punch. His throat also emitted a moan. Xiao Yan's incomparably hot fist wind was too much for him to endure.

“It seems that you will not be able to endure if we exchange blows in this manner...” Xiao Yan flicked his clothes with a smiling face and softly commented.

The fourth Tianzun's face was gloomy. His eyes stared at the cloth on Xiao Yan's body. After having exchanged blows, he was naturally aware that his attack had mostly been absorbed by that strange cloth earlier. However, he could not understand why the remaining force didn't harm Xiao Yan.

The rest of the attack had naturally been absorbed by the Dragon Phoenix Ancient Armor hidden in Xiao Yan's skin, but such a secret would never be understood by the fourth Tianzun no matter how he thought about it. Not only were Xiao Yan's clothes strange, but even his skin was extremely mysterious.

The fourth Tianzun stared at Xiao Yan in a dark and solemn manner. Xiao Yan was immune to his attacks, but he wasn't able to ignore the other party's attacks. Such a battle really caused one to feel stifled.

However, this fourth Tianzun was not an ordinary person. He was aware

that his attack from earlier did not harm Xiao Yan. The only reason was that its strength was insufficient. Since this strength was lacking, he should use a greater strength to smash Xiao Yan into dregs!

“Blood Transforming Grand Skill, Great Devouring Blood Technique!”

The fourth Tianzun’s face was ferocious. A sinister cry resounded over the land like thunder. After this cry sounded, the bodies of anyone weaker than an elite Dou Zun within a ten-thousand-foot radius exploded at this moment. They transformed into blood that continuously poured into the fourth Tianzun’s body. At the same time, the sea of blood in the abyss below began to whistle as it transformed into a monstrous bloody wave that surged into his body.

While the fourth Tiansun was devouring all this blood, his originally still aura started to diverge. After which, it slowly soared.

“Xiao Yan, do not threaten this venerable self. Today, I will capture all the blood of your Xiao clan along with the bloodline that you have activated!”

The sky was altered as the sea of blood spread. A sinister voice that was accompanied by a frightening pressure that pervaded the sky!

Chapter 1384: Nine Changes to turn Sheng

A solemn expression flashed across Xiao Yan's eyes as he sensed the fourth Tianzun's soaring aura. This person possessed some ability to form such a fierce name for himself within the Central Plains. The fourth Tianzun's current aura had clearly surpassed that of an ordinary expert at the peak of the Dou Zun class...

Of course, this did not mean that the fourth Tianzun had already reached the Ban Sheng class because such a thing was impossible. There might only be a step from the peak of the Dou Zun class to the Ban Sheng class, but this step was as vast as the sky. The gap between the two was so terrifying that it was difficult to describe. This could be seen from the way Yao Lao's strength had remained at the peak of the Dou Zun class for many years. It wasn't until he borrowed the strength from his new body to break through. Regardless of how frightening one's talent was, trying to reach the Ban Sheng class was not an easy task...

This short step was one that countless of talented individuals hated and failed. They would feel an incomparable regret until the moment they died.

The reason that this occurred was because this short one step hid a unique training method. Only those experts who had approached this level would be able to sense this kind of unique training.

Some of the top experts in the Central Plains region called this unique training method the Nine Changes to turn Sheng (Saint)!

The so-called nine changes could be considered a quantifier to measure the gap between the peak of the Dou Zun class and the Ban Sheng class. After all, the gap between the two was really too terrifying. One needed to use an even finer ranking system with enormous positions between levels to differentiate the difficulty...

The nine changes were not complicated. Simply put, they were considered nine compressions and suppressions. The moment the Dou Qi within the body of an expert at the peak of the Dou Zun class showed

signs of being full and could no longer be increased was the moment the nine changes began. One would then need to shrink and suppress the Dou Qi within one's body. Only then would the interior of one's body have enough space to accept new Dou Qi...

One needed to perform this compression once the Dou Qi became filled again!

This cycle would repeat and only after nine suppressions would it reach a complete state.

The Dou Qi within one's body would experience a change in quality under each compression. Only then would one cross over the unmeasurable sky-like gap and advance to the Sheng class!

Due to this, some of the experts, who had reached this stage, would describe the training hidden at the peak of the Dou Zun class as nine changes.

One could only become a Sheng (Saint) after nine changes!

It was easy to talk about these nine changes, but they would really test one's limits. Just imagine the frightening amount of Dou Qi an expert at the peak of the Dou Zun class could contain. That needed to be filled and filled nine times. Such a requirement was indeed worthy of the description 'horrifying.'

Although the ninth Tianzun from earlier was also at the peak of the Dou Zun class, he was a one change peak Dou Zun. He was even a little weaker than Xiao Yan after he had activated the clan tattoo. After having absorbed so much energy from the fresh blood, the fourth Tianzun had soared to the third change. Of course, the Ban Sheng class was still far enough away that it was difficult to feel. If the fourth Tianzun reached the Ban Sheng class, Xiao Yan would not have a chance of victory!

The fourth Tianzun's eyes also became scarlet with his soaring aura. Although this Blood Transforming Great Skill was able to absorb the energy from the blood of a person, the sequela was quite serious. Within one month of using it, the fourth Tianzun's body would enter a state where he was close to death. Even someone at the Dou Wang class would

easily be able to kill him. Therefore, the fourth Tianzun would usually not dare to use this Secret Technique unless he had no choice, but for this current situation, he would not only fail his mission if he did not activate it, he would also be defeated by Xiao Yan. This was something that he could not endure...

“Roar!”

His scarlet eyes stared at Xiao Yan. A dense smile surfaced on his face as a chilling roar was emitted from his throat.

“Chi chi!”

Waves of frightening blood-colored fog surged from the fourth Tianzun’s body in all directions after he roared. It gathered into a thick blood cloud as a stench spread from it...

Xiao Yan frowned as he stared at the bloody cloud in the sky. He could sense the frightening energy that had gathered within the bloody cloud, and he did not dare to slight it. His hand rubbed in front of him and four clusters of Heavenly Flames appeared. A high temperature quickly spread when these Heavenly Flames appeared. They incinerated the surrounding stench...

Xiao Yan inhaled another breath of air after summoning the four clusters of Heavenly Flames. His hand seal changed and a cluster of gray flames was spat out of his mouth. This flame might not be as strong as those four Heavenly Flames, but it emitted an extremely powerful aura. This was the fake Heavenly Flame that Xiao Yan had refined, Life Transforming Flame!

“Five Ring Flame Expelling Technique!”

A low and deep cry was emitted from Xiao Yan’s mouth as the five clusters of flames in front of him suddenly soared. They turned into five thousand feet large fire spirits and gave off many loud beast roars above Xiao Yan’s head.

“Gather!”

The fire spirits quickly took shape. Xiao Yan once again coldly cried out.

Five enormous fire spirits formed a mysterious formation and began to rapidly rotate. Finally, it turned into a couple hundred feet across five-colored fire coil with a buzzing wind. It rotated wildly above his head as a hot wind spread. The bloody cloud in the distance began to fluctuate.

“Hmph!”

“Bloody Evil Sky Demon Palm!”

The fourth Tianzun let out a cold snort when he saw this from afar. He widened his mouth and a blood pillar shot out. It shot into the bloody cloud in the sky, and the cloud’s color immediately dimmed. The blood cloud churned and suddenly burst apart. A ten-thousand-foot-large blood palm shot from the blood cloud in front of a countless number of shocked eyes. It ruthlessly slammed toward Xiao Yan.

The might of the blood palm was extremely frightening, and an enormous palm outline appeared on the distant ground when it was still ten thousand feet in the air...

“Xiao Yan, watch how this venerable self shall slam you into dust!”

“What arrogant words!”

Xiao Yan’s eyes turned cold when he heard the explosive cry that was suddenly emitted from the fourth Tianzun. His hand seal immediately changed, and a low cry was emitted from his mouth, “Five Ring Flame Expelling Coil!”

“Buzz buzz!”

The enormous five-colored fire coil in the sky suddenly shot forth after Xiao Yan’s cry sounded. Within a couple of flashes, it tore through empty space and ruthlessly collided with the huge blood palm.

“Bang!”

The two collided in a frightening manner, and a cold blood and hot flame exploded in the sky. Terrifying energy swept apart in front of many shocked eyes. At this moment, even the clouds had been forcefully shattered into dust...

The fourth Tianzun narrowed his eyes as he watched a frightening energy hurricane form in the sky. He had just pulled back by some distance when a chill was transmitted from behind him. He suddenly turned his head, and a face that contained an icy smile appeared within his eyes!

“Xiao Yan?”

Seeing Xiao Yan suddenly appear behind him, the fourth Tianzun’s abruptly shrank despite his attitude. He had failed to sense just when Xiao Yan had moved.

“Great Heaven Creation Palm!”

A strange smile surfaced on Xiao Yan’s face when he noticed the fourth Tianzun’s shock. His right hand violently slammed forward without any hesitation, and a dark-black light circle was formed with lightning-like speed.

“Blood demon robe!”

Shock surfaced in fourth Tianzun’s heart while he faced Xiao Yan’s ferocious attack. Fortunately, he was not an ordinary person. Blood immediately flowed through his pores and quickly formed a thick cuticle layer on his body.

“Bang!”

Xiao Yan’s palm wind was just like lightning as it ruthlessly smashed into the fourth Tianzun’s body. An incomparable wind caused the blood cuticle on the fourth Tianzun’s body to crack an inch at a time.

“Grug!”

Although there was the blood demon cuticle blocking the attack, the remnant wind still forced the fourth Tianzun to spit out a mouthful of blood. His body borrowed this push to quickly fly backwards.

“Trying to leave?”

The fourth Tianzun’s body had just flown back when a cold smile slid across Xiao Yan’s face. Xiao Yan had finally managed to launch a sneak

attack by using the opportunity created by the Dou Qi void within the fourth Tianzun's body after he had used the Bloody Evil Sky Demon Palm earlier. How could Xiao Yan allow him to leave unharmed?

The green-red ancient wings on Xiao Yan's back flapped[a][b][c]. His body appeared to have teleported as it appeared in front of fourth Tianzun, who was flying backwards. Xiao Yan reached out with his hand and four clusters of flames appeared. Soon after, an extremely beautiful fire lotus was formed in his palm.

"It's over!"

A ferociousness appeared on the corner of Xiao Yan's mouth as he observed the shock that had surged onto the fourth Tianzun's face.

The fourth Tianzun's heart became icy-cold when he saw the ferociousness on Xiao Yan's face. Each of those three Dou Skills that Xiao Yan had unleashed possessed a strength that was at the Tian class Dou Skill level. The perfect combination of those three Dou Skills caused even him to be unable to retaliate!

"No wonder so many experts from the Hall of Souls have fallen to this brat's hands..."

While the fourth Tianzun was feeling extremely regretful of accepting this easy but extremely dangerous task, the fire lotus in Xiao Yan's hand had been propelled forward without any hesitation. It ruthlessly struck onto the fourth Tianzun's body.

"Bang!"

The moment it struck the fourth Tianzun, a terrifying firestorm swept over the sky like a celebratory firework in front of a countless number of eyes the moment it struck fourth Tianzun...

[a]Weren't they crystal clear with only a faint color?

[b]Actually, I am not certain. The author repeatedly changes things and even I end up getting lost

[c]I think the most recent chapter that mentions them is when they go

to the Dou Sheng's temple thing. I think they were described as crystal clear then. Yeah, he always seems to be forgetting things and changing things up. Like randomly adding this nine changes thing.

Chapter 1385: End

A terrifying firestorm whizzed across the sky. Its frightening temperature vaporized all the moisture in the air almost instantly. A dry heat rolled through the air. Some weaker individuals felt the blood in their bodies become boiling hot...

“Bang!”

A muffled sound was suddenly emitted from within the firestorm, and a figure wrapped in flames shot from the sky like a cannonball. The figure's miserable screeches reverberated by everyone's ears. Hearing this voice, that fire figure was that pompous fourth Tianzun from the Hall of Souls. At this moment, this great Tianzun was showing signs of turning into roast pork.

“Bang!”

The fourth Tianzun violently shot into the abyss filled with the blood sea in front of many pairs of eyes. A frightening temperature spread, causing the sea of blood to bubble. Finally, it rapidly shrank at a speed visible to the naked eye. The sea of blood completely disappeared within a short ten seconds.

The rushing sound of wind appeared in the sky as Xiao Yan's figure appeared above the deep abyss in a ghost-like fashion. His eyes were indifferent as he stared down. The three attacks from earlier had definitely seriously injured the fourth Tianzun. If the fourth Tianzun was unlucky, it was not impossible for him to die on the spot.

“One must get rid of grass from its roots...”

Xiao Yan's eyes flickered. He suddenly clenched his hand and a purple-brown fire pillar with a hint of white shot from his palm. It penetrated the deep abyss and ruthlessly struck onto the spot where the aura remained.

“Bang!”

The somewhat moist soil of the abyss was grilled to a rock hard material wherever the fire pillar passed. The fire pillar caused the deep abyss

turned into rock, and wave after wave of high temperatures continued to radiate from it.

“Grug!”

At the edge of the fire pillar, the fourth Tianzun, whose skin had completely disappeared from his body and was now a complete mess of blood and flesh, opened his eyes in a frail manner. He moved his finger, and a jade token appeared in his palm. He subsequently shattered it with all his strength.

“Chi!”

A spatial black tunnel immediately appeared beside the fourth Tianzun the moment the jade token broke. A suction force surged from the tunnel and swallowed his body.

“Swoosh!”

A ray of light shot into the deep abyss the moment the fourth Tianzun disappeared. After which, the glow appeared at the spot where the fourth Tianzun had been standing earlier. The figure that appeared from the light looked at the remaining spatial distortion, involuntarily frowned, and muttered, “He’s really quick to escape...”

Xiao Yan had not expected the fourth Tianzun to endure so many blows. He was still able to hang onto a breath and live despite suffering so many powerful attacks. However, Xiao Yan was not anxious despite having failed to kill the fourth Tianzun. Even if the fourth Tianzun were to recover from his injuries, a sequela would definitely remain. It would be difficult for the fourth Tianzun to improve any further in the future. On the other hand, as long as Xiao Yan was given some time to train, it would soon be an easy matter for him to randomly kill the fourth Tianzun the next time they met.

“Hu...”

Xiao Yan gently exhaled. His face vaguely contained a paleness. The exhaustion from continuously fighting two Hall of Souls’ Tianzuns and displaying Tian class Dou Skills numerous times was a little too much for

him even though he possessed a Quasi-Tian class Qi Method. If he continued to squander his Dou Qi, he might not be able to endure the strain.

“The danger of the Yan Alliance can be considered resolved...”

Xiao Yan flapped the green-red bone wings on his back. He flew out of the deep abyss and appeared in the sky of the outside world. With a sweep of his eyes, he noticed that the experts from the Hall of Souls and the Profound Lion Sect were still fighting. A cold snort sounded as he flicked his ten fingers. Ten extremely hot fire pillars shot from the tip of his fingers. They zoomed across the sky and ruthlessly smashed into some experts.

“Bang bang!”

Low and muffled sounds appeared as sharp screeches rang out. Those ordinary elite Dou Zuns ended up spitting out blood and withdrawing because of Xiao Yan’s random attack. The frightening Heavenly Flame was just like maggots in their bones as it lingered on their bodies. It was useless regardless of what Dou Skill they used. Hence, many experts hurriedly fled in panic with flames covering their butts.

Some of the Hall of Souls experts understood that the situation was hopeless after witnessing this attack. They did not dare to remain any longer as they formed their black fog and quickly fled.

“Alliance chief Xiao, please show mercy. All of us were forced into this.” Some of the experts and sects that had been threatened or lured over by the Hall of Souls hurriedly cried out in panic. None of them had expected Xiao Yan to be this fierce. He had relied on his own abilities to finish off two experts with unbelievable strength. Thus, they did not dare to resist.

Xiao Yan’s eyes were indifferent as he glanced at the people who bent with the situation. However, he did not kill all of them. Although all of these people were disgraceful, they did possess some reputation within the north region. Killing them all would not benefit the Yan Alliance’s future developments. Of course, he also did not wish to attract spineless individuals. If they were surrendering now, they would naturally turn their

backs when facing a strong enemy in the future. Xiao Yan mused for a moment before ordering in a faint voice, "If all of you wish to leave, you will need to exchange a life for your life. Take the lives of those from the Profound Lion Sect in exchange for your own..."

The experts from the Profound Lion Sect experienced a drastic change when they heard Xiao Yan's orders. On the other hand, the other factions and experts hesitated for a moment before revealing a ferocity within their eyes. They turned their heads and rushed toward the experts from the Profound Lion Sect whom they had been fighting alongside earlier. In a moment, a chaotic battle erupted in the sky. This time around, the Yan Alliance ended up an observer to the show.

"These people... are really shameless."

Xiao Ding smiled as he watched the fierce and ruthless battle that had erupted in the sky. Xiao Yan was really ruthless. The hands of these people would be dyed with the lives of those from the Profound Lion Sect. Both parties would naturally become enemies, and it would be difficult for them to form an alliance in the future. Of course, the Profound Lion Sect's strength would greatly decline after being defeated. Moreover, the Profound Lion Sect had offended many factions during this war in the north part of the continent. Having lost the protection of the Hall of Souls, the fate of the Profound Lion Sect would be quite miserable. In the future, the Yan Alliance would probably dominate this north region alone...

The chaotic battle in the sky continued for over ten minutes. The experts from the Profound Lion Sect suffered serious injuries and some even died. Even the army that they had gathered had suffered many losses. Now that no one was commanding them, the army had begun to scatter and flee.

After glancing at the sky, Xiao Yan understood that the Profound Lion Sect was finished. Such a sect would no longer exist in the north-west in the future...

"Hu..."

Xiao Yan gently exhaled as he turned around and landed on the wall of the fortress. The entire fortress immediately let out an earth-shaking

cheer when they saw him return.

“The Yan Alliance will not fall! All hail the alliance chief!”

Xiao Yan smiled as he slowly landed on the wall and heard this cheer, which shook the entire fortress.

“You have become a lone hero again...”

Cai Lin glanced at Xiao Yan and spoke in a faint voice, but the corner of her mouth had curved into an enchanting shape.

Xiao Yan merely shook his head and smiled at Cai Lin with her razor tongue but soft heart. She was still the same after so many years.

“Ha ha, junior pavilion chief really exceeds the expectations of others. You were able to finish off that Xue He zun-zhe. The reputation of this old demon within the Central Plains back then was not inferior to your teacher. However, this person was renowned for his brutality...” The three Hu elders hurried over in a flash and laughed. There was an additional respect in their eyes when they looked at Xiao Yan. The strong were honored, and the strength that Xiao Yan had displayed earlier was enough to get them submit to him.

“Ha ha, thank you everyone. Once I return, I will definitely deliver the remaining reward.” Xiao Yan laughed.

“It’s fine. With Yao Chen’s reputation, we don’t even need to worry about him eating his words.” The elite Dou Zuns who had been invited hurriedly replied after hearing Xiao Yan’s words.

Xiao Yan grinned when he heard their replies. Xiao Li and Xiao Ding had already begun to dispatch the army to clear the battlefield. The entire wall was one busy scene.

“Father is mighty.”

A crisp voice that caused Xiao Yan’s heart to tremble suddenly drifted over while he was quietly sighing in relief. His face involuntarily revealed a brilliant smile. He turned his head and studied little Xiao Xiao, who was waving to him from Cai Lin’s embrace. A special feeling surged into his

heart. He had also become a father...

“Father will likely be very pleased if he was aware of this... father, rest assured that I will rescue you as soon as possible. At that time, our family will be reunited again.”

Xiao Yan softly sighed in his heart. He quickly stepped forward and pulled little Xiao Xiao from Cai Lin’s embrace into his own. He violently kissed her smooth little face and could not help but laugh out loud when he saw her somewhat bitter expression.

“Hiss hiss!”

Little Xiao Xiao’s tongue suddenly brightened while Xiao Yan was laughing. A seven-colored figure suddenly shot out. It lingered above little Xiao Xiao’s shoulder and joyously extended its snake tongue toward Xiao Yan.

“This is... Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python?”

Xiao Yan was startled when he saw this seven-colored figure. He immediately cried out in surprise.

“Aye, this Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python was not completely dominated by me. Its soul used Xiao Xiao’s body to reincarnate. As a reward, Xiao Xiao is able to use its strength... in other words, Xiao Xiao has possessed an elite Dou Zong’s strength the moment she was born.” Cai Lin softly explained.

“Oh?”

Xiao Yan lifted his brows when he heard this. A Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python was a peak existence among the snake Magical Beast. During ancient times, some powerful Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python could challenge an Ancient Heaven Serpent. A snake-shaped Magical Beast of such bloodline was something that even Qing Lin’s Triple Jade-Green Snake Flower Pupils could not control. Moreover, a Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python at its peak was comparable to an elite Dou Sheng. In other words, there was a Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python’s strength superimposed on Xiao Xiao’s own strength.

A person and a snake joining hands. That strength was really quite frightening.

“Although this Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python possesses a limitless potential, it is still a borrowed strength. My daughter will not simply rely on other people’s strength...”

Xiao Yan smiled as an excitement intensified in his eyes. “Currently, Xiao Xiao’s constitution is at its softest and most malleable. Although I cannot go overboard in an attempt to get her to grow, I will be able to provide her with the most perfect training conditions...”

Xiao Xiao will be perfect because she was Xiao Yan’s daughter!

Chapter 1386: Cancer

A gentleness surfaced on Cai Lin's cold face when she saw the excitement appear in Xiao Yan's eyes as he looked at Xiao Xiao. She valued Xiao Xiao, who was even more important than her own life. Xiao Yan truly treating Xiao Xiao well was the most important thing in her heart.

"Xiao Xiao's current condition is already very good. She was born with a good constitution because of the "Heaven Soul Blood Bone Pill" that you had sent back..." Cai Lin smiled as she explained. She involuntarily glanced at Xiao Yan again when she mentioned the pill. She had made up her mind back then. If Xiao Yan dared to forget about the medicinal pill that they had agreed or missed the date he had promised to deliver, she would have no longer contacted him in the future. Her character was stubborn, and she would never regret anything she decided on. If Xiao Yan broke his promise, she would definitely not hesitate to act. At the very most, she would lead the Snake-people tribe on a journey away.

Fortunately, Xiao Yan had remembered the medicine and the delivery time in his heart. He had even asked Xiao Li to deliver the medicinal pill when he had left the Black-Corner Region.

"The Heaven Soul Blood Bone Pill might be good but it is still not enough..." Xiao Yan shook his head. With his current eyesight, he no longer thought highly of the Heaven Soul Blood Bone Pill. This medicinal pill might still be alright when it came to building a foundation, but it was far from reaching the cornerstone he wanted to set down.

"Your Snake-People tribe has likely never met a true alchemist grandmaster. Hence, you only possess that three grades of secret technique. The Heaven Soul Blood Bone Pill is at the very most a tier 7 low grade medicinal pill. It can build one's foundation, but it is far from perfection." Xiao Yan's eyes wandered the busy scene on the wall as he laughed.

"Aye, the Heaven Soul Blood Bone Pill might be good, but there are many

that are even better. An example would be the Mysterious Bodhisattva Foundation Building Pill. It is a peak tier 7 medicinal pill and is extremely suitable for Xiao Xiao. However, even I only have a forty percent chance of successfully refining such a medicinal pill. I'm afraid that Alliance Chief will have to personally do the refinement..." A person faintly made a comment by the side.

Xiao Yan's eyes followed the voice and involuntarily grinned. He cupped his hands to that person as he laughed, "Grandmaster Gu He, how are you..."

The person who had just spoken was naturally the Pill-King of the Jia Ma Empire and the current head of the Yan Alliance Medicinal Hall. At this moment, a couple of elders in alchemist robes were standing behind him. Xiao Yan didn't find them familiar. They probably joined the Yan Alliance after he left, but Xiao Yan's brows were slightly lifted when he studied the gazes of these people. Although their eyes contained a respect when they looked at him, an unknown expression was more prevalent.

"Alliance Chief, you have disappeared for a couple of years in one go. How free and easy..."

Gu He cupped his hands toward Xiao Yan and faintly laughed. He felt a complicated emotion in his heart for Xiao Yan. Xiao Yan had stopped his marriage with the Misty Cloud Sect back then and had caused him to lose face. Fortunately, he was able to put it behind him, which had prevented him from forming a grudge. Since he hadn't formed a grudge, he agreed to join the Yan Alliance after losing to Xiao Yan in a medicinal pill competition. Although Gu He had joined the Yan Alliance, that failure had caused Gu He to bear a grudge. He had spent these years bitterly training his medicinal refinement skills. He had already reached the level of a high grade tier 7 alchemist. There was hardly anyone in the north-west who could surpass him.

With the increase in his strength, he would naturally think about competing again. However, Xiao Yan had disappeared for many years, and Gu He had no means of locating him. Now that Xiao Yan had returned, Gu He could not resist expressing the thoughts in his heart. Of course, he did

not have any ill intent. It was just that he, who had always been proud of his talent, was unwilling to admit that he had been defeated by the hands of a person much younger than him.

“Grandmaster Gu He can be considered one of the top few alchemist grandmasters in the north part of the continent. The Pill Hall has become quite strong under his management and development. Therefore, the Pill Hall has been credited for the swift development of the Yan Alliance... those few behind him are the Elders of the Pill Hall. They are all tier 6 alchemists and are the top pillars of the Pill Hall.” Cai Lin by the side introduced. Her pretty eyes vaguely flickered while she spoke.

Xiao Yan narrowed his eyes. He was just about to speak when Cai Lin’s faint voice suddenly appeared beside his ear, “The Pill Hall is far too important to the Yan Alliance. Moreover, the Yan Alliance’s swift development during these years can be completely attributed to the Pill Hall. Therefore, some of the upper echelons of the Pill Hall have become arrogant. There are even some who think that the Yan Alliance would not exist without the Pill Hall. The Pill Hall has slowly become independant. I am not an alchemist, therefore, my prestige is less than Gu He’s prestige in the hearts of these people from the Pill Hall...”

Xiao Yan gently interlaced his fingers and faintly smiled. Too much authority, too important, could not be managed by authority, the appearance of such a situation was not really surprising. An alchemist was superior in the hearts of ordinary people to begin with. Adding the importance of the Pill Hall to the Yan Alliance, the alchemists would ultimately feel superior to the other departments. Even the leaders at the top were not treated as respectfully in their hearts compared to others.

The top management of the Yan Alliance like Cai Lin, Xiao Ding, Xiao Li, etc. were not alchemists. Naturally, they were unable to get these alchemists to submit to them. Although Gu He was upright, he did not possess the ability to manage his subordinates, which ultimately bred arrogance in the Pill Hall.

“It looks like the interior of the Yan Alliance is not as united as I had imagined. Such an arrogance cannot be allowed to grow. Otherwise, it will

definitely become a cancer to the Yan Alliance in the future...”

Xiao Yan glanced at Gu He and the few Pill Hall Elders behind him. He immediately laughed and said, “The Mysterious Bodhisattva Foundation Building Pill is still acceptable, but it is not the best choice. I wonder if grandmaster Gu He has heard of a medicinal pill known as ‘First Start Pill’?”

The words ‘First Start Pill’ had just landed in their ears when Gu He and the few Elders of the Pill Hall revealed a different expression. They exclaimed, “The tier 8 First Start Pill?”

“Alliance chief can already refine a tier 8 medicinal pill?”

Gu He was extremely shocked as he stared at Xiao Yan. The Pill Hall Elders behind him were a little shaken and full of doubt as they stared at Xiao Yan. Gu He could be considered one of the top alchemists in the north region by being able to refine a tier 7 high grade medicinal pill. They had always viewed Gu He as the leader. Although these people had heard about Xiao Yan, their hearts always thought that the current Gu He was the true top alchemist in the Yan Alliance.

“Tier 8 medicinal pills are differentiated by the number of Pill Lightning colors. A First Start Pill should attract a five-colored Pill Lightning... Grandmaster Gu He, gather all the alchemists in the Pill Hall tomorrow. I will be publicly refining a pill. Everyone must be present. Anyone who fails to come will be immediately expelled from the Yan Alliance!”

“When I left back then, I had given the Pill Hall an authority and an advantage that no other halls possessed, but the Pill Hall has less than five tier 7 alchemists. This is inefficient!” Xiao Yan spoke in a deep voice as he looked at Gu He.

Gu He’s heart shook when he heard Xiao Yan’s voice suddenly becoming stern. He was an intelligent person. After some thoughts, he immediately understood that Xiao Yan was planning to reform the Pill Hall. He was aware of the bad habits that had formed in the Pill Hall during these years, but he had not managed them. Although Cai Lin was powerful, she did not understand pill refinement and was unable to gain much prestige in

the Pill Hall. However, the current Xiao Yan was different. Xiao Yan's alchemist skills had already exceeded Gu He's even back then. Since Gu He was able to reach the tier 7 alchemist class, it would not be impossible for him to reach the eighth tier alchemist guru level given his speed.

The few Pill Hall Elders behind Gu He faced each other and felt anything but reassured. Even Cai Lin had never spoken to Gu He in such a way during these years. However, this alliance chief in front was planning on acting against the most important Pill Hall...

"Understood, alliance chief! In that case, I will return and gather the members of the Pill Hall to await alliance chief's arrival tomorrow..."

Gu He helplessly sighed, but he still gave a reply. After which, he cupped his hands together. Only when Xiao Yan nod did he led the few Elders of the Pill Hall away. He understood that the Pill Hall would definitely turn into an uproar when this news spread.

Xiao Yan's eyes slowly narrowed after watching Gu He's group grow distant.

"Is this suitable? Being too rude will likely cause those haughty alchemists to feel some displeasure in their hearts." Cai Lin spoke in a worried manner. She was extremely familiar with the figures from the Pill Hall. They would occasionally make things difficult for the people who were dispatched to the Pill Hall. From this, it was possible to tell the practices that had taken root within the Pill Hall.

"Displeasure? They are merely ordinary alchemists. You view them too well... an alchemist at such a tier would barely be able to make a living in the Central Plains... one can just hire another if the alchemist leaves."

Xiao Yan spoke in a faint voice. He was building a wormhole between the Falling Star Pavilion and the Yan Alliance. He would be able to swiftly travel between the two places. If it was alchemists, he would just hire them from the Central Plains. Given the current reputation he and Yao Lao enjoyed in the alchemist world of the Central Plains, forget about those low tier ones, tier 7 alchemist grandmasters would swarm over. Moreover, their quality would be many times better than these people who

did not know what was good for them.

“Coincidentally, I am planning to help Xiao Xiao refine a medicinal pill. I will take out the caudron and refine a pill in the Pill Hall tomorrow to act as a deterrent. It is time to manage this Pill Hall properly!”

Xiao Yan gently patted little Xiao Xiao in his embrace and deeply spoke. The current him did indeed feel quite furious in his heart. It was unexpected that the special authority he given the Pill Hall back then had become a cancer to the Yan Alliance!

Cai Lin nodded when she saw Xiao Yan's somewhat gloomy face. She had also been angered by the Pill Hall many times during these years. However, she had been enduring this anger for the sake of the bigger picture. Now that Xiao Yan was back, it was impossible for him to let this thing slide, especially with his method of doing things.

“Some Elders from the Pill Hall have yet to appear. Those people are the true thorns. There are two tier 7 alchemists among them who joined later on. They are immensely arrogant. Based on some information I obtained, it seems that they once secretly sold a Pill Hall medicinal pill to an outside source. However, I have not found any evidence and can do nothing...” Cai Lin softly explained.

“Aye.”

A faint sound was emitted from Xiao Yan's nostrils, and a cold glint flickered in his dark-black eyes.

Chapter 1387: Pill Refinement

Being the most important location for the Yan Alliance outside of the Jia Ma Empire, there were naturally a large number of Pill Hall members located in the Mysterious Yellow Fortress. Moreover, due to the war, around eighty percent of the Pill Hall had been relocated within the branch hall in the fortress.

Quite a large commotion had occurred when Gu He had relayed the words Xiao Yan had said back to the Pill Hall. Things had been too smooth for the Pill Hall during these years. Adding the importance of the alchemists, their arrogant auras had become even richer. Normally, even Cai Lin did not speak to them this sternly. Although Xiao Yan was the chief of the Yan Alliance, he had been missing for far too long. Some of the alchemists who subsequently joined the Yan Alliance had only heard of his existence from the mouths of others. Hence, their respect for him was naturally far inferior to those from the other Halls of the Yan Alliance.

The branch hall of the Pill Hall for the Mysterious Yellow Fortress was situated to the north-west. There was an enormous region located at that spot. It belonged to the territory of the Pill Hall. This kind of treatment could be considered the best among all the Halls of the Yan Alliance.

At this moment, a large room within this branch hall had descended into an quarrel.

“Hmph, our chief of the Yan Alliance is really imposing. He has only just returned but he already wishes to intervene in the matters of our Pill Hall. If not for our Pill Hall during these years, would the Yan Alliance have the achievements it does today?” A gray-robed elder in the large room coldly snorted with disdain. There was an alchemist badge on his chest. Seven golden ripples appeared on it. This person was also a tier 7 alchemist.

“Grandmaster Liu Chang is right.”

This gray-clothed elder clearly possessed a great reputation within the Pill Hall. Hence, some alchemists immediately voiced their agreement

after he spoke.

Gu He was seated in the leader's chair in the large room. He was frowning, but he did not say anything. His pill refinement talent was quite great, but his management skills were a little lacking. There was also a white-haired old man seated beside Gu He. He was the chairman of the Alchemist Association back then, Fa Ma. At this moment, he did not join any argument in the large room. He merely shut his eyes and acted like he was not hearing anything.

"Hall chief Gu, you should speak to the alliance chief regarding this matter. The Pill Hall cannot be compared to the other Halls. Even the deputy alliance chief has not intervened in the matters of our Pill Hall during these years. In return, we allowed the Pill Hall to become the supporting pillar of the Yan Alliance. We are indeed grateful that the alliance chief has turned things around this time, but if he really wishes to intervene in the matters of our Pill Hall, chaos will stir." An old man with a pale face and hair that reach his shoulders was sitting on a chair by the side. He also slowly opened his mouth and spoke.

Gu He frowned when he heard these words. He glanced at Fa Ma by the side, but Fa Ma ignored him and kept his eyes shut. At that moment, Gu He could only say, "The alliance chief is also an alchemist. Moreover, his alchemist skills far surpass mine. He is not some layman..."

"Chief Gu, you cannot put it like this. The alliance chief has been away most of the time. The current Pill Hall is completely different from before. Is the alliance chief more aware than us of the various issues we face?" That old man called Liu Chang indifferently responded. He smiled when he reached the end before continuing, "Moreover, refining a tier 8 medicinal pill is not something that one can simply speak of. Everyone should be clearly aware of this. The alliance chief might indeed be strong, but it does not mean that he will be able to refine a tier 8 medicinal pill. The few of us are all tier 7 high grade alchemists. Naturally, we understand the difficulty of advancing to a tier 8 alchemist guru. The alliance chief is still so young. The chances of him breaking through are likely not high..."

“Whether the alliance chief can refine a tier 8 medicinal pill is not something that you should concern yourself about. In any case, everyone should just arrive on time tomorrow. Please do not do anything wrong. As long as you are not guilty in your heart, the alliance chief will not do anything. Alright, all of you should leave...” Gu He frowned and immediately replied in a somewhat impatient voice.

Liu Chang and the other elder frowned when they heard Gu He speak. However, they could not say anything more. Gu He’s prestige was greater than the two of them combined. They immediately cupped their hands, turned around, and led their people away.

The large room became empty in an instant when these people left. Gu He waved his hand and dismissed the rest. After which, he turned his head and looked at Fa Ma. He bitterly smiled and said, “Old brother Fa Ma, how do you view this matter?”

“You should be aware of the changes in the atmosphere of the Pill Hall during these years. You are not very good at managing things. This has resulted in Liu Chang and friend becoming stronger in the Pill Hall...” Fa Ma opened his eyes at this moment. He picked up his teacup and continued in a faint voice, “The old me advises you to not get involved in this. You should be aware of the tactics of the alliance chief. He will not be soft when it is time to be vicious. Although the Pill Hall is important, it cannot pressure the alliance chief. It is not out of the realm of possibility to disband it. Additionally... with the alliance chief’s current strength and eyesight, he might not really think highly of the current Pill Hall.”

Gu He’s heart turned slightly cold. He was aware that Fa Ma was old and extremely experienced. He had showed signs of retiring ever since Liu Chang’s duo became stronger and started to manage things. Normally, he did not bother with anything. However, no one in the Pill Hall dared to underestimate his ability. After all, the Pill Hall was mostly formed from members of the Alchemist Association. They still respected Fa Ma. The older generation Pill Hall members were all on Fa Ma’s side.

“This time around, the Pill Hall is destined to undergo a drastic change. Given alliance chief’s character, he will not just sit back and allow such a

cancer to develop. Fortunately, even though you are not good at managing, you did not get involved in certain matters. Otherwise, I'm afraid that you would have difficulty escaping responsibility..." Fa Ma slowly spoke. "Now, let's just wait quietly. These people will be unlucky tomorrow..."

Gu He could only bitterly smile and nod his head when he heard Fa Ma's words.

The Pill Hall quickly became lively when the first ray of morning sun landed on the Mysterious Yellow Fortress. Many alchemists, who had received the order, woke up early and hurried to the pill refinement grounds of the Pill Hall. Some of the upper echelons of the Pill Hall like Gu He and Fa Ma were already waiting there.

Gu He frowned when he looked at the hundred plus alchemists in the square. He did not see Liu Chang or Wu Zhen among them.

"Those two old fellows are really reckless..."

Gu He's expression was a little cold when he didn't find them. Those two old fellows are too used to bossing people around. No one dared to punish them given their tier 7 alchemist rank.

Gu He's heart suddenly shook while he was quietly cursing. He lifted his head, only to see a couple of figures walking through the sky. They appeared in the air above the square in front of numerous gazes. The one leading them was Xiao Yan.

"Greetings alliance chief!"

Gu He's group hurriedly greeted when they saw Xiao Yan appear. The other alchemists quickly followed.

Xiao Yan's eyes slowly swept over the area below. He slightly nodded. Compared to back then, the current Pill Hall was much larger. No wonder these troublesome matters had occurred...

Xiao Yan's body flashed, and he appeared on a towering stone stage on the square made for pill refinement. He faintly said, "Today, I will take out my cauldron and refine a tier 8 medicinal pill. Everyone should observe the process. This will benefit you in the future."

The hearts of many people involuntarily shook when they heard these words. Although they had heard the news, they still could not resist being shaken when they heard that Xiao Yan was planning on refining a tier 8 medicinal pill. Across the entire north part of the continent, those who could refine a medicinal pill of such a tier were extremely rare existences.

Xiao Yan sat on the stone stage after his words sounded. He waved his hand and a medicinal cauldron appeared in the sky. He rubbed his palms and many medicinal ingredients that were filled with powerful energies floated around his body.

“Ha ha, I have arrived a little later and nearly missed the alliance chief refining pills...”

A laugh was suddenly emitted while Xiao Yan was preparing to act. Two elder figures led around around a dozen plus figures over from outside of the square. A gray-robed elder cupped his hands to Xiao Yan on the stage and laughed.

Xiao Yan’s eyes glanced at this group. After which, they slowly swept over them. A moment later, he laughed.

“Since you are here, please take a seat...”

The corner of Liu Chang and Wu Zhen’s eyes twitched when they heard Xiao Yan’s calm and emotionless voice. Only then did they sense that this extremely young alliance chief was not as easy to deal with as they had imagined.

The both of them looked at each other and vaguely felt an uneasiness. However, this was quickly suppressed by the two of them. They were genuine tier 7 alchemists and could be ranked among the top within the north region. Even a faction like the Yan Alliance would feel a great pain should it lose them.

Xiao Yan glanced at this group before withdrawing his eyes. He flicked his finger and a purple-brown flame whizzed into the medicinal cauldron. After which, he waved his sleeve. The hundreds of medicinal ingredients around him continuously charged into the medicinal cauldron with some whistling noises. After which, they were refined by the flame within a

short instant. This entire refinement process was extremely smooth and did not even pause once...

A vast and mighty Spiritual Strength slowly spread from Xiao Yan after the many medicinal ingredients charged into the flame. All the alchemists who sensed this spiritual pressure revealed grave faces. A rich respect and fear gradually appeared in their eyes...

Liu Chang and Wu Zhen had also sensed it. Their bodies involuntarily quivered. A shock that could not be hidden was present in their eyes. This kind of spiritual pressure was something that only a tier 8 alchemist possessed... in other words, Xiao Yan had truly reached the tier 8 alchemist level!

“What a frightening spiritual pressure...”

Gu He let out a long sigh as he muttered.

Fa Ma by the side also smiled as his eyes glanced at the stunned duo. A cold smile appeared on his face. The days when these two old fellows could act arrogant in the Pill Hall had come to an end...

Chapter 1388: Severely Punished

A great heat radiated from the dark-red medicinal cauldron, causing the temperature grow hot and the air to become dry...

Refining a tier 8 medicinal pill was extremely complicated. Nearly a hundred different types of medicinal ingredients were involved. An ordinary alchemist could forget about the refinement process. They would have their hands full just controlling these medicinal ingredients in the air. Of course, this did not pose the slightest problem for Xiao Yan's mighty ocean-like Spiritual Strength...

Numerous high grade medicinal ingredients that most alchemists present had never even heard of were thrown into the medicinal cauldron. The flame within the cauldron only needed to randomly sweep over before the pure medicinal strength in the medicinal ingredient was perfectly refined. Finally, the pure energies would remain suspended in the medicinal cauldron. They were packed together while emitting a shockingly pure energy.

The First Start Pill was a medicinal pill that could attract a five-colored Pill Lightning. A medicinal pill of this grade did not pose much of a problem for the current Xiao Yan. After years of training, Xiao Yan's Spiritual Strength was much greater than what it had been at the Pill Gathering. Hence, this First Start Pill might be extremely troublesome to refine, but the refinement proceeded smoothly for Xiao Yan...

The refinement of medicinal pills, especially a tier 8 medicinal pill, was a time consuming task. Even with the aid of a Heavenly Flame, half a day had passed by the time Xiao Yan had fully refined all the medicinal ingredients. The alchemists in the square were completely immersed by Xiao Yan's smooth pill refinement process. None of them had realized so much time had passed. At the same time, the respect in their eyes was becoming richer. Xiao Yan's techniques were really too mysterious to them. None of the alchemist grandmasters they had met before could reach Xiao Yan's ability.

Three days quietly passed amid this quiet atmosphere. The number of alchemists whom Xiao Yan had attracted increased. Some of the alchemists who were not from the Pill Hall but were temporarily staying in the Mysterious Yellow Fortress, also hurried over after hearing about the refinement, causing the area around the Pill Hall to fill with people. There were even many people standing in the sky.

With the increasing commotion, some experts who were not alchemists also hurried over. Due to the matter of the Profound Lion Sect, quite a number of factions and experts had sought refuge with the Yan Alliance. Some of these people had left after the Profound Lion Sect was defeated while many had remained. Currently, all of them had been attracted by the pill refinement.

As the number of observers continued to increase, Cai Lin had no choice but to dispatch the experts from the Yan Alliance to maintain order and prevent any disturbances from interfering with Xiao Yan's pill refinement.

Another three days passed as a countless number of people observed this process...

“Bang!”

On the eighth day after Xiao Yan became immersed in his pill refinement, thunder suddenly rumbled across the clear sky. Some of the experts with sharp senses discovered that the energy around them had become violent...

While a disturbance had occurred because of these changes, thick dark clouds suddenly began to appear in the sky without warning. Numerous silver snake-like bolts of lightning vaguely shuttled through the clouds.

A commotion appeared in the Mysterious Yellow Fortress when everyone saw thunder clouds suddenly cover the clear sky. The expressions of many experts drastically changed. They could sense the terrifying energy contained within these thunder clouds. If the energy poured down, it would likely destroy half of the Mysterious Yellow Fortress...

While the Mysterious Yellow Fortress had turned into an uproar, Xiao

Yan, who had been seated on the stone stage, slowly opened his eyes. The thunder clouds seemed to have been sparked by something as they churned and became more brilliant. Within a short two minutes, the dark-black thunder clouds had turned into brilliant five-colored thunder clouds in front of the many startled eyes.

“Is this the legendary Pill Lightning...”

A devotion and excitement surfaced on the faces of all the alchemists present as they studied the five-colored thunder cloud in the sky. This kind of Pill Lightning was something that many alchemists were unable to summon even after spending their entire life attempting to do so.

“It is really a five-colored Pill Lightning...”

Gu He and Fa Ma studied the sky, and Gu He softly sighed. His heart felt somewhat defeated as he stared at the skinny figure. No wonder Yun Yun ultimately loved him. This talent was something that Gu He had to admit that he did not have.

“Bang!”

An intense thunder suddenly reverberated while the thunder clouds churned in the sky. The cloud layer suddenly broke apart as a thousand-foot-long five-colored Pill Lightning suddenly blasted down toward Xiao Yan below in front of many shocked pairs of eyes.

Upon sensing the frightening energy contained within the five-colored Pill Lightning, even the expressions of Cai Lin’s group involuntarily changed.

Xiao Yan slowly lifted his head and glanced at the five-colored Pill lightning as it tore through the sky and rushed over like an enormous dragon. With a flick of his finger, a dark-golden body appeared. The dark-golden body ruthlessly collided with the Pill Lightning.

“Chi!”

The two collided and that incomparably ferocious Pill Lightning disappeared in an instant, causing many people to reveal stunned faces. Their eyes carefully glanced over, and they discovered an expressionless

hollow-eyed puppet. It was Xiao Yan's Sky Demon Puppet.

“Rumble!”

The thunder clouds in the sky seemed to have been angered after the Sky Demon Puppet devoured the Pill Lightning. Numerous five-colored lightning pillars came pouring down in a crazy fashion. However, none of them broke through the Sky Demon Puppet's defense...

These uncontrollable thunderbolts continued for nearly ten minutes before the clouds gradually paled. The frightening thunder clouds slowly disappeared in front of many frightened eyes.

“A tier 8 medicinal pill's Pill Lightning is indeed frightening. Such a strength is something that even some elite Dou Zuns cannot endure...”

Many people present quietly clicked their tongues after watching the Pill Lightning slowly disappear. A medicinal pill of such a tier really could not be refined by an ordinary person.

Xiao Yan beckoned with his hand after seeing the Pill Lightning disappear. He returned the Sky Demon Puppet to his Storage Ring. With a flick of his finger, the cauldron cover was pulled open. A rainbow color explosively shot away with lightning-like speed. It was just about to flee into the distance when Xiao Yan reached out with his hand. An invisible wind firmly restrained the pill before it was eventually sucked to his palm. It was subsequently stuffed into a jade bottle that was then thrown into his Storage Ring.

“Alliance chief is mighty!”

A deafening cheer immediately resounded when everyone saw Xiao Yan successfully refine the pill. Many alchemists' faces were red as their eyes stared at Xiao Yan with a fiery heat. This was the first time that they had ever seen an alchemist of this tier and a Pill Lightning of this level...

Xiao Yan smiled when he heard these overwhelming cheers. He smiled and gently pressed his hands down. His eyes slowly swept over the faces of all the alchemists present. Finally, they paused on Liu Chang and Wu Zhen's faces. At this moment, their expressions were a little unnatural,

and they did not dare to meet Xiao Yan's eyes.

"This pill refinement is only one of the reasons I have come to the Pill Hall this time around..."

The entire place became completely silent when everyone heard Xiao Yan's faint voice. Some people began to feel uneasy. They seemed to predict what was going to happen.

"The Pill Hall is one department of the Yan Alliance. Its status is no different than the other halls, but some people have begun to gain an arrogance during these years. They ignore the Yan Alliance and act selfishly, resulting in an internal disharmony. This is a great offence!" Xiao Yan's expression slowly became cold. His chilling cry echoed next to everyone's ears.

"I have a list of names here. Everyone on it has a charge against them!" Xiao Yan clenched his hand and a scroll appeared in it. He subsequently tossed it to Cai Lin and commanded in a deep voice, "Read!"

Many people trembled when they heard Xiao Yan's deep voice. A chill appeared in their hearts.

Cai Lin received the scroll. Her pretty eyes coldly swept over everyone present. The names recorded on it were those who were the most arrogant. Some had even caused a lot of trouble, but these troubles were eventually swept away. In the past, she had worried about the Pill Hall, so she could only tolerate these grievances. However, with Xiao Yan's return, such worry had completely disappeared.

"Pill Hall first department, Hu Zhou, ignores orders and acts arrogantly. He once delayed the delivery of medicinal pills due to some personal matters, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of Yan Alliance brothers!"

"Pill Hall second department, He Yuan Ming, secretly pocketed the medicinal ingredients of the Yan Alliance. Not only did he not plead guilty after being exposed, he even injured the person who had exposed him!"

"Pill Hall first department..."

The faces of some of the alchemists within the Pill Hall suddenly turned

pale when they heard the many names that were spoken from Cai Lin's mouth...

"Pill Hall Elders, Liu Chang and Wu Zhen, becoming arrogant because of their contributions, not obeying orders, and withdrawing from battle. They have secretly sold Yan Alliance medicinal pills and pocketed the profits!"

The square turned into an uproar when Cai Lin's final cold cry sounded. Liu Chang and Wu Zhen's expressions paled. It was unexpected that Xiao Yan would dare to act against them!

"A country has its laws and an alliance has its own rules. Those that have been mentioned will be dealt with according to the alliance rules. No one will be spared!" Xiao Yan spoke in a faint voice.

"Alliance chief!"

Liu Chang and Wu Zhen suddenly stood up and furiously cried out, "The both of us are tier 7 high grade alchemists. Both of us have helped develop the Pill Hall to its current state. Are you planning to get rid of us now that it has become successful?"

"Your merit does not make up for your mistakes! The Yan Alliance is not a loose organization. No one can break its rules!" Xiao Yan coldly cried out. There would be no standards without rules. If the Pill Hall were allowed to continue along this path, internal discord would soon form within the Yan Alliance. Hence, Xiao Yan would not show mercy if he really needed to be ruthless.

"Bastard! Who cares about this Pill Hall Elder position. This elderly self will quit!"

Liu Chang and Wu Zhen's faces alternated between green and white. A moment later, they coldly laughed. With a wave of their sleeves, they cried out loud, "Will anyone leave with the two of us?"

Upon hearing this cry, the alchemists in the square glanced at each other. Finally, some of their close confidants and some of the names that had been read, who knew that they would be down on their luck if they stayed, hurriedly walked forward and followed Liu Chang's group.

Liu Chang and Wu Zhen involuntarily smiled in a pleased manner when they saw these people. They looked at Xiao Yan and said, "Alliance chief, if this place does not allow us to stay, there will be another that will. Goodbye!"

A smile suddenly appeared on Xiao Yan's face as he stared at the duo, who had coldly smiled and turned around. He slowly asked, "Cai Lin, what kind of punishment awaits those who privately betray the alliance and leave?"

An icy-cold arc lifted on the corner of Cai Lin's lips when she heard this. She replied in a faint voice, "Death without mercy!"

Liu Chang's group, who had just turned around and left, suddenly stilled when they heard Cai Lin's words.

Chapter 1389: Resolve

Liu Chang's group's footsteps immediately stilled when they heard Cai Lin's icy-cold voice. A moment later, Liu Chang and Wu Zhen suddenly turned their heads. They furiously demanded, "Why? Does the Yan Alliance intend to kill all of us in front of so many people?"

Xiao Yan placed his hands behind his back. His eyes indifferently studied Liu Chang's group. Many of them were displaying their panic. A faint voice resounded beside everyone's ears, "The Yan Alliance has its own rules. This is not some loose organization. It is alright if someone wishes to withdraw from the Yan Alliance. However, if one wishes to withdraw as an excuse to escape punishment after committing a crime, would one not be treating the Yan Alliance like child's play?"

"During these years, the two of you have been overly arrogant, causing trouble for my Pill Hall and resulting in the disunity of the Yan Alliance. This is a great crime. If it can be resolved by just quitting, would it not mean that anyone who broke the rules of my Yan Alliance could just leave peacefully by quitting the Yan Alliance? In that case, is it even necessary for my Yan Alliance to exist?"

Xiao Yan's expression was ice-cold. The murderous desire in his heart became even denser. These two were like termites. If they were allowed to safely leave, all of Yan Alliance's rules would become a joke. Once this precedent was set, how would he be able to control the masses?

Those alchemists from the Pill Hall lowered their heads when they heard Xiao Yan's cold and stern cry. They had indeed become arrogant during these years because of their unique status within the Yan Alliance. Perspiration rained down from them while Xiao Yan reprimanded them in a cold fashion.

Liu Chang and Wu Zhen's faces twitched. Their hearts panicked a little when they sensed the icy-cold looks that the surrounding members of the Yan Alliance were giving them. The development of this situation had exceeded their expectations. Originally, with their tier 7 high grade

alchemists status, they would be treated like VIPs no matter where they went. It was unexpected that Xiao Yan would actually be this rude.

“What do you plan on doing?” Liu Chang grit his teeth and asked.

“It is not what I plan to do. I will perform as the alliance rules state!” Xiao Yan faintly replied.

The expressions of Liu Chang and Wu Zhen drastically changed when they heard this. According to the rules of the Yan Alliance, their offenses would require them to die a couple of times to make up for their crimes.

“Capture them!”

Cai Lin’s face was cold as she gave an order.

“Understood!”

The surrounding experts of the Yan Alliance, who were awaiting orders, immediately rushed toward Liu Chang’s group upon hearing Cai Lin’s cry.

“Bastard, do you think that the two of us are afraid of you?”

Liu Chang and Wu Zhen really began to panic when they saw the experts move. A furious cry sounded as Dou Qi surged from their bodies. They forcefully pushed aside the few Yan Alliance experts who had arrived beside them. Their bodies moved, and they turned into light figures that tried to flee into the distance.

“Trying to flee?”

Xiao Yan lifted his eyebrows. His mouth revealed a cold smile as his palm grabbed toward the two. The surrounding space instantly stilled and the two figures were trapped within. Xiao Yan randomly threw these two captured individuals back, and they violently smashed into the ground.

“Grug!”

A powerful strength caused the duo to spit out a mouthful of fresh blood. Their expressions were ghastly. Before they could cry out numerous long spears with cold glints paused near their heads.

“Alliance chief sir, please let the both of us off. We will definitely do our

best for the Yan Alliance in the future!” The Dou Qi within their bodies had forcefully been scattered by Xiao Yan’s palm earlier. Only at this moment did Liu Chang and Wu Zhen become terrified. They hurriedly cried out together.

“The rules of the Yan Alliance will not be changed because of anyone or any events!” Xiao Yan glanced indifferently at these two individuals. He waved his sleeve and a group of Yan Alliance experts captured the two of them like wolves and tigers. They were dragged into the deepest part of the Pill Hall. Those traitors who had planned to follow the two of them were all captured and dragged away. In an instant, desolate screeches reverberated over the square.

Those miserable cries gradually became distant and the square became quiet. Those alchemists present were covered in a cold sweat. None of them dared to utter a word.

“Gu He...”

Gu He’s heart trembled when he heard Xiao Yan’s sudden voice. He immediately and respectfully responded.

“Being the chief of the Pill Hall, you have a responsibility that you cannot shirk for allowing the Pill Hall to turn into this state. From today on, you will be demoted from the hall chief to a deputy hall chief. Grandmaster Fa Ma will be promoted from the position of Elder to the new Pill Hall’s chief.” Gu He and Fa Ma quickly acknowledged the changes when they heard Xiao Yan’s faint voice. The current Xiao Yan was no longer the Xiao Yan from back then. The current Xiao Yan possessed an absolute strength to deal with anyone.

“Since there are punishments, there will naturally be rewards. The Yan Alliance has developed greatly during these years. This is an ancient method to train one’s soul. It will be able to help an alchemist breakthrough to the eighth tier. All the alchemists of the Pill Hall who have reached the seventh tier will be able to obtain it after making a certain amount of contributions. Those of a lower tier will be able to obtain a portion of it to train their spirits after making a certain amount of

contributions to the Yan Alliance. It will enable all of you to increase the rate at which your alchemist tier improves. I hope that everyone will practice hard..." Xiao Yan flicked his finger after his words sounded. A scroll flew toward the stunned Fa Ma and Gu He.

"This... an ancient method to train one's soul?"

There were many alchemists present. Moreover, there were some alchemists who did not belong to the Yan Alliance. However, all of their faces revealed a disbelief when they heard Xiao Yan's words. They were clearly aware of just how important one's Spiritual Strength was to an alchemist, but none of them had ever heard that it was possible to train one's spirit. At the same time, they were aware that Xiao Yan would not make a false claim in public given his status, so all of their eyes became fiery hot.

"It is unexpected that there is such a benefit for joining the Pill Hall... it seems that I must find an opportunity to join it."

Those alchemists present stared at Gu He and Fa Ma with envious eyes as this thought appeared in their hearts. The Yan Alliance might have extremely strict rules, but they could be endured if they were able to strengthen themselves. Moreover, Liu Chang's group from earlier had completely brought it on themselves. With those crimes, any other factions or sects would have long since executed them. They would not even be given the time to argue.

Fa Ma and Gu He's trembling hands held the scroll in front of many fiery hot eyes. They had heard that it was indeed possible to train one's spirit, but that method had long been lost. It was unexpected that Xiao Yan actually possessed such a method. Moreover, he was willing to give it to the both of them...

The hearts of those two were incredibly excited, but they did not know that this was only a portion of the method, yet this portion benefited their current states. If they performed extensive contributions in the future, Xiao Yan would naturally give the rest of the method to them.

Cai Lin quietly sighed in relief when she saw the square suddenly

become unusually excited. She was worried that harshly punishing Liu Chang's group would result in people being afraid of the Yan Alliance. It was unexpected that Xiao Yan understood the theory of the carrot and the stick. By acting ruthless and subsequently relaxing, he had managed to subdue all of these prideful fellows. Even someone like Gu He was displaying a face that showed his heartfelt gratitude,

"This person has matured even more compared to back then..." Cai Lin turned her head, glanced at the side of Xiao Yan's face, and softly muttered in her heart.

Cai Lin clearly understood in her heart that the Pill Hall would definitely change for the better after this incident today. With this deterrence, such incidents would probably not happen again in the future. Without the Pill Hall as an evolving cancer, the Yan Alliance would continue to develop and would truly dominate the north region of the continent!

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Xiao Yan rested for two days in the Mysterious Yellow Fortress after resolving the issues regarding the Pill Hall. He was a little tired after refining a tier 8 medicinal pill...

"Is this First Start Pill really suitable for Xiao Xiao?" Within a room where a hidden fragrance lingered, Cai Lin watched Xiao Yan take out the tier 8 medicinal pill he had refined a couple of days earlier. She asked him a question in a worried manner. The medicinal strength of a tier 8 medicinal pill was quite high. Xiao Xiao's constitution might already be very strong, but Cai Lin was still a little worried.

"Relax, the First Start Pill might be considered a tier 8 medicinal pill, but its medicinal effects are extremely gentle. It is most suitable for the current Xiao Xiao. The medicinal strength within it will continue to remain inside Xiao Xiao's body and will improve her constitution as she grows, causing her to become perfect." Xiao Yan smiled and replied. One might not become perfect after consuming the First Start Pill by itself, but Xiao Xiao already possessed an extremely good foundation, so all he would be doing was stabilizing this foundation.

Cai Lin could only nod her head when she heard Xiao Yan's response. She simply watched as Xiao Yan gently place the medicinal pill into the little mouth of the curious Xiao Xiao, whose dark-black eyes were wandering around the room.

The medicinal pill turned into a cluster of gentle light that seeped into Xiao Xiao's body after she consumed it. After which, it slowly stopped in her lower abdomen. Light was slowly emitted as Xiao Xiao sneezed. Both of her eyes were shut since she had become somewhat tired.

"This is the initial scattering of the medicinal strength. All we need to do is wait for her to wake..." Xiao Yan smiled as he explained.

Cai Lin gently nodded after hearing this explanation. She bowed her delicate body and gently rubbed her hand over Xiao Xiao's body. Her bewitching face revealed a charm that was filled with a motherly love. Xiao Yan was a little absent-minded as he watched her. He softly said, "Big brother has asked us to hold a simple Xiao clan wedding to marry you into the Xiao clan. What do you say?"

Cai Lin's body trembled when she heard Xiao Yan's words.

Xiao Yan slowly walked forward when he saw Cai Lin's somewhat stiff yet lovely body. Her normally cold expression was being replaced by an extremely rare bright-red color. At a glance, she appeared even more bewitching.

Xiao Yan's heart became slightly heated when he saw her enchanting reaction. His arm hugged that narrow and seemingly boneless waist. A slight smile appeared as he gently kissed Cai Lin with her slightly emotional eyes. Lust quietly filled the warm room...

Chapter 1390: Before Departure

After resolving the war with the Profound Lion Sect and the trouble within the Pill Hall, Xiao Yan relaxed during the period of time that followed. The Yan Alliance might be huge, but it had done well under the management of Cai Lin, Xiao Ding, and the others. They would naturally arrange everything after the big battle. There was no need for Xiao Yan to intervene. Thus, Xiao Yan was happy to have some time for leisure. He left little Xiao Xiao alone and properly enjoyed the feeling of being a father.

During this period of time, Xiao Yan also used some of his free time to open the wormhole scroll that Yao Lao had given him. The Mysterious Yellow Fortress was not far from the Jia Ma Empire, and this place was an extremely important location. Hence, the wormhole that lead to the Falling Star Pavilion was connected to the Mysterious Yellow Fortress. Regardless of which side faced trouble in the future, one party would be able to reinforce the other with great speed.

The establishment of the wormhole would undoubtedly allow the Yan Alliance's hidden strength to soar. With the Falling Star Pavilion supporting it, a second faction would not be able to compete with the Yan Alliance in this north region. Dominating the north part of the continent was only a matter of time.

During this period of time, Xiao Yan also obtained some of the information regarding the development of the Yan Alliance. The thing that caused Xiao Yan to be surprised was that Xiao's Gate—the faction his second brother, Xiao Li, had established in the Black-Corner Region—had also joined the Yan Alliance a couple of years ago. It was also a location that the Yan Alliance could expand to in the future. With the support of the Yan Alliance and 'Pan's Gate,' which Xiao Yan had founded in the Inner Academy, the development of Xiao's Gate was also quite impressive. It had vaguely become a great existence within the Black-Corner Region.

Once the time was ripe in the future, the many factions that were owned by Xiao Yan, like the Yan Alliance, Xiao's Gate, and the Falling Star Pavilion, would completely merge. It would become a powerful faction

that spread over three large regions of the Dou Qi continent. Its potential was indeed limitless...

The three Xiao brothers had gathered within a quiet courtyard deep within the Yan Alliance. Cai Lin was playing with Xiao Xiao a short distance away. The crisp laughter of the little girl unceasingly appeared within the courtyard, filling it with liveliness. It had been many years since Xiao Yan had enjoyed such a peaceful time.

Xiao Yan involuntarily smiled when he saw the enchanting expression that surfaced on Cai Lin's cold face while she played with Xiao Xiao. As long as she was in front of Xiao Xiao, the deputy chief of the Yan Alliance, who appeared icy-cold in the eyes of others, seemed to undergo a transformation into a great beauty filled with a mother's love. Her warmth caused the heart of anyone looking at her to quiver.

During this period of time, Xiao Yan and Cai Lin had also held a simple Xiao clan wedding conducted by Xiao Li and Xiao Ding. This wedding was not grand since only Xiao Ding and Xiao Li attended it. No great fanfare was held either, but it was said that an elder brother was like one's father. It could be considered a serious ceremony with Xiao Ding and Xiao Li present.

Regardless of what the case was, the things that Cai Lin had done for the Xiao clan and the Yan Alliance were enough to make Xiao Yan feel guilty. He need to give her this status.

Xiao Ding and Xiao Li heard of Xiao Yan's the various experiences over these years as they sat within the courtyard. They were involuntarily shaken by the many narrow misses. Their lives during these years had not been relaxing because of the Yan Alliance, but Xiao Yan had frequently charged through danger, and things had been quite difficult for him during these years.

The both of them softly sighed when they thought about this. They studied the side of the mature and firm face of the young man in front of them. The burdens of the entire Xiao clan weighed down on him. Anyone else would already have collapsed from the pressure, but Xiao Yan had

done his best to become stronger for the Xiao clan and to rescue their father...

“Third brother, it has been tough on you these years...”

Xiao Yan was startled when he heard his big brother Xiao Ding’s abrupt words. He softly replied, “What is this little hardship if it will allow our family to reunite? Big brother and second brother are even willing to sacrifice their lives for me. I would be too inhumane if I did not work hard to improve...”

The three brothers exchanged glances after hearing Xiao Yan’s words. They smiled with a common understanding. There was no need to say anything else to someone with a blood relation, which was closer than anything.

Cai Lin some distance away revealed a faint grin on her face when she saw the three smiling brothers. This feeling of having a family caused her heart to feel extremely comfortable. The effort she had put in these years was worthwhile.

“It is unexpected that our Xiao clan possesses such a history...”

Surprise surfaced on Xiao Ding and Xiao Li’s faces when they heard Xiao Yan describe the matters related to the Xiao clan in detail within the courtyard. They had not expected their Xiao clan, who only had a small reputation in Wu Tan City, to actually be from that Xiao clan. The Xiao clan from the eight ancient clans renowned throughout the Dou Qi continent.

“However, our Xiao clan’s bloodline strength has been exhausted. The final amount of it has been passed to me by ancestor Xiao Xuan...” Xiao Yan softly sighed. His body shrank in the spacious chair as he said, “The reason that the Xiao clan has attracted the probing of a large faction like the Hall of Souls is precisely because this Xiao family was once that Xiao clan.”

“However, you said that the bloodline strength of the Xiao clan has been exhausted. Why would the Hall of Souls attack us? Based on the information that I have obtained, it seems that the Hall of Souls plans to

capture everyone with the blood of our Xiao clan?” Xiao Ding knit his brows and voiced his thoughts.

Xiao Yan’s finger gently tapped on the armrest of the chair. There was some doubt between his brows. Just what were those people from the Hall of Souls planning to do? The bodies of the current members of the Xiao clan no longer possessed even the least bit of bloodline strength. What was the point of capturing them? Could it be that they were planning to use these people as hostage to get him to hand over the Tou She Ancient God Jade? However, just his father as hostage was enough. Capturing the others was unnecessary.

“I wonder what those people from the Hall of Souls are up to...” Xiao Yan shook his head, but his heart became a little more cautious. The Hall of Souls usually did not do anything that was meaningless. Since they were interested in the Xiao clan, they definitely had a motive.

“Relax, the current Xiao clan is gradually developing. Its members have been scattered by us in the Yan Alliance. It is impossible for the Hall of Souls to capture all of them. Once our faction becomes strong in the future, we will gather all the scattered clan members again...” Xiao Ding faintly smiled and explained when he saw Xiao Yan frowning.

Xiao Yan gently nodded. Big brother really had a way of doing things. After having experienced those matters from back then, he would naturally not let them easily occur again.

“Second brother, this is a secret technique scroll. You can practice it as it instructs. You can also pass it to some outstanding clan members...” Xiao Yan mused for a moment before taking out the Skyfire Three Mysterious Change and handing it to Xiao Li. The Skyfire Three Mysterious Change had been created by ancestor Xiao Xuan. It used a special method to allow the clan members to practice and create a clan tattoo. Although his clan members no longer possessed any bloodline strength and were unable to unleash the full strength of the clan tattoo, it was still able to significantly increase one’s strength.

The flames that were required to practice the Skyfire Three Mysterious

Change did not necessarily need to be Heavenly Flames. They only needed to find some beast flames that were a little inferior.

Xiao Li accepted the scroll that Xiao Yan handed him. He was aware that Xiao Yan did not possess any subpar things. Since Xiao Yan had said that it was useful, Xiao Li would naturally not doubt him.

“The situation of the Yan Alliance has been settled. I will not intervene in the remaining matters. Therefore, I will be hurrying back to the Central Plains in two days...” Xiao Yan voiced his thoughts after seeing Xiao Li accept the scroll.

“So soon?” Xiao Ding and Xiao Li spoke somewhat unwillingly when they heard his words.

“Ha ha, the wormhole between the Yan Alliance and the Falling Star Pavilion has been built. One will not need to take too much time to travel between those two places. The both of you can head over and take a look if you have the time. I will inform the Falling Star Pavilion.” Xiao Yan smiled as he spoke to them. After counting the days, the so-called spatial trade fair was about to begin. He needed to hurry back as soon as possible. The Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame was far too important to him. If he were able to obtain it, he might be able to breakthrough the Dou Zun class. Only when one truly reached the Dou Sheng class would one have the qualification to fight with a faction like the Hall of Souls. Otherwise, Xiao Yan would not dare to head over and rescue his father.

“You are leaving the day after tomorrow?” Cai Lin had also heard these words. She pulled Xiao Xiao over and asked.

“Aye, this time around, you should also return with me to the Falling Star Pavilion to meet teacher...” Xiao Yan softly laughed. He regarded Yao Lao Like a father. Now that Cai Lin was his wife, she would naturally have to meet him.

“That old... mister from back then?” Cai Lin rolled her eyes as she inquired. If she had not been afraid of Xiao Yan’s teacher, she, as the queen of the Snake-People tribe, would have killed Xiao Yan many times over.

Xiao Yan nodded. He squatted down, patted Xiao Xiao's head, and softly said, "Additionally, we will bring Xiao Xiao to the Falling Star Pavilion. It is the safest place I know of. Moreover, teacher can instruct her. The current her can already begin training..."

An unwillingness flashed across Cai Lin's eyes when she heard Xiao Yan's words, but she still nodded in agreement. She was aware that Xiao Yan was doing this for Xiao Xiao's sake.

Xiao Yan slightly smiled after issuing his instructions. He lifted his head and looked in the direction of the wormhole. Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame, it had been over a decade. I am finally getting closer to you...

Chapter 1391: Returning to the Falling Star Pavilion

The wormhole that was connected to the Falling Star Pavilion was located in the deepest part of the Yan Alliance, protected by an extremely tight defense. Xiao Yan did not make this wormhole known to the public. Although the fees collected from those using the wormhole would be quite a fat sum, Xiao Yan felt that it was better to keep a low profile when it came to such things. Otherwise, it might stir some unnecessary trouble since there was only one wormhole that lead to the Central Plains from deep within the north part of the continent. It would cause many to feel jealous if word were to spread.

A dark-black wormhole was suspended in the air within an incomparably large hall. It was slowly rotating while waves of shocking spatial fluctuations were emitted from the wormhole.

“Is this a wormhole...”

The eyes of Cai Lin’s group were a little stunned and curious as they observed this wormhole. This was their first time seeing a wormhole. Such a thing was rarely seen in a place like the north region of the continent.

Xiao Yan smiled and nodded. Standing beside him was the Little Fairy Doctor, Tianhuo zun-zhe, and Qing Lin. Those experts who had been invited had already returned to the Central Plains soon after resolving the trouble from the Profound Lion Sect.

“Big brother, second brother, we will be leaving. If anything happens in the future, you can send someone to the Falling Star Pavilion. There will be someone there to receive you...” Xiao Yan turned his head, looked at Xiao Ding and Xiao Li before he spoke with a smile.

The Xiao duo nodded when they heard this information. “Understood. Take care.”

Xiao Yan smiled, but he did not say anything unnecessary. He cupped his hands to everyone present and then took the lead to step into the

wormhole. He immediately disappeared. Cai Lin, who was carrying Xiao Xiao, swiftly followed behind him as did the Little Fairy Doctor's group.

Xiao Ding and Xiao Li softly sighed with a sense of loss as they watched Xiao Yan's group disappear within the wormhole. They remained a little longer before leading their people away.

The Inner Hall of the Falling Star Pavilion—

“This is... your daughter?”

Yao Lao was studying the white-clothed little girl. She was hugging Xiao Yan's thigh and using her large dark-black eyes to stare at him. His elderly face was covered with a stunned expression.

Xiao Yan involuntarily smiled and nodded when he saw the way Yao Lao acted. He was aware that Yao Lao had been captured by the Hall of Souls when Cai Lin was suspected of being pregnant. Therefore, he was unaware of this situation, so Xiao Yan briefly explained what had occurred back then.

“Hee, how unexpected, how really unexpected...”

Even with Yao Lao's usual unperturbed temperament, he still involuntarily shook his head after hearing Xiao Yan's story. His eyes swept over Cai Lin as he teased, “Back then, this wife of yours really hated you. If not for the old me, I'm afraid that you would have been killed by her...”

Cai Lin's cold face turned a little red when she heard Yao Lao's words. Back then, she had quietly exchanged blows with Yao Lao many times. However, she had not expected the old man from back then, who had appeared only a little stronger than her, to actually be so strong.

“Xiao Xiao, quickly greet grand-teacher.” Cai Lin gently patted Xiao Xiao's little head and softly told her what to do.

Hearing this, Xiao Xiao blinked her large black eyes. She glanced at Xiao Yan somewhat hesitantly. Only after seeing him smile and nod her head, she timidly called out, “Grand-teacher...”

“Ah...”

A joyous smile emitted from Yao Lao's heart surfaced on his face after he heard Xiao Xiao's soft voice. He did not have any children but regarded Xia Yan as his own son. From his perspective, Xiao Yan's daughter was just like his very own granddaughter. Regardless of how strong an old man at his age was, their hearts would ultimately feel a gentleness for little children.

Yao Lao walked forward. The corner of his eyes contained a smile as he touched Xiao Xiao with a face full of love. After which, his shriveled hand squeezed Xiao Xiao's little hand. A joy surfaced in his eyes a moment later as he said, "What a powerful Spiritual Strength. She is also of the fire affinity and her body similarly possesses a trace of wood. It not out of the realm of possibility for her to be an alchemist..."

Xiao Yan smiled when he heard Yao Lao's exclamation. He had already sensed that Xiao Xiao could be an alchemist with her constitution. Her current abilities were much better than his back then. If she was properly groomed, her future potential would be extraordinary.

"Her Spiritual Strength is even stronger than when I discovered you back then. Moreover, her constitution is many times greater than yours. If she is properly groomed, her future achievements will be even greater than yours, her father's..." Yao Lao' had an excited glint in his eyes. This kind of glint was something that Xiao Yan had seen when he had met Yao Lao for the first time.

Xiao Yan smiled when he heard Yao Lao's evaluation. Talent and constitution might be important, but one's future achievements were determined by one's perseverance. The reason that Xiao Yan was able to reach this stage today was not because he had relied on his talent. Instead, he had achieved breakthroughs from lingering between life and death during one bloody battle after another...

A true expert did not rely on talent but on great perseverance!

Yao Lao's hand continued to pinch Xiao Xiao's bones. His hands used a little more force, causing Xiao Xiao's little mouth to pout. She continued grumble, causing everyone to laugh.

“Why doesn’t the old me teach the little Xiao Xiao in the future?”

Yao Lao finally lifted his head after pinching her for a long while. His eyes looked at Xiao Yan as he asked without any hesitation. Even he wasn’t able to restrain himself when faced with Xiao Xiao, who was like perfect raw jade.

Xiao Yan smiled and nodded when he Yao Lao’s suggestion. He had brought Xiao Xiao back to the Falling Star Pavilion to be trained by him. No one among those he was acquainted with could surpass Yao Lao’s medicinal refinement skills. It was naturally best for him to personally groom Xiao Xiao.

Xiao Yan also understood in his heart that Xiao Xiao’s talent might be extremely attractive, but her talent wouldn’t be enough to cause an expert like Yao Lao to feel anxious. Yao Lao truly regarded Xiao Xiao as his granddaughter and wished she would grow up perfect. This caused Xiao Yan to feel a little moved in his heart.

“This child has been traveling with you through the wormhole for a couple of days. Let her properly rest first...” Yao Lao lovingly patted Xiao Xiao’s head and handed her back to Cai Lin with some unwillingness. Subsequently, he instructed someone to help Cai Lin and her daughter settle down.

“In that case, the both of you should continue chatting.”

Cai Lin was someone who was mindful of others. She was aware that this teacher and disciple needed to speak about something. Hence, she softly spoke to Xiao Yan before leaving slowly with Xiao Xiao.

Yao Lao withdrew his eyes only after seeing Cai Lin take Xiao Xiao away. He smiled and said, “Little fellow, you have helped give birth to a good daughter... however, you being together with Medusa has exceeded my expectation.”

Xiao Yan spread his hands. The relationship between him and Cai Lin was quite complicated. Who would have imagined that Queen Medusa, who had been chasing Xiao Yan with a murderous intent for many years, would actually become his wife?

“I have also heard about the matter this time around. Being able to dispatch two Tianzuns is sufficient to show that the Hall of Souls is not fooling around. However, they suffered a great loss this time. The ninth Tianzun was killed on the spot by you, and that fourth Tianzun was beaten half to death before fleeing...” Yao Lao fondled his beard and laughed.

“Honestly speaking, I do not know what the Hall of Souls is planning to do. This clan has always been mysterious and unfathomable. They definitely carrying out a scheme from the way they are gathering souls... moreover, from the recent increase of soul gathering, this scheme is likely progressing very quickly. Based on the information that I have obtained, it seems that some big wars have erupted in other parts of the continent outside the Central Plains. The Hall of Souls is likely involved in these wars...” Yao Lao mused.

“Oh? Wars has erupted across other parts of the continent?” Xiao Yan’s expression changed upon hearing this. He felt a little uneasy. Just what were these fellows from the Hall of Souls planning?

“Aye.” Yao Lao’s nodded with a solemn expression. He softly sighed a moment later and changed the topic of conversation. “There is still half a month left before the spatial trade fair begins. We should also properly prepare during this period of time. Those who are able to participate in the spatial trade fair are all top experts and powerful factions. The Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame is too attractive. Since we have been able to obtain news about it, other factions will also be aware of it. Hence, we will definitely have to pay a great price in order to compete for the final map fragment.”

Xiao Yan nodded. The Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame was ranked third on the Heavenly Flame Ranking. This rank alone indicated its great strength. Its allure was naturally something that need not be mentioned. Even though it was just a map fragment, its value would be quite frightening. It would not be easy to successfully obtain it from the many competitors.

“Regardless of what happens, we need to obtain the Purifying Demonic Lotus Flame. There are four map fragments. Three of them are in your

hands. We must obtain the last piece no matter what.” Yao Lao remarked. The Heavenly Flames in the top three spots of the Heavenly Flame Ranking possessed an extremely destructive force. These three types of Heavenly Flames were extremely rare in the world. Even after tens of thousands of years or even hundreds of thousands of years, it would be difficult to form another one. It was even rumored that the world did not dare create too many of the top three Heavenly Flames due to them being overly powerful. Only when one of the Heavenly Flames completely disappeared, would a second flame appear after tens of thousands of years...

This divine thing was feared by the spirits of the world!

Chapter 1392: Spatial Trade Fair

Once Xiao Yan had returned to the Falling Star Pavilion, both he and Yao Lao undertook a retreat at the same time. While the both of them were taking their retreats, Pill Lightning and other unnatural phenomena would often appear in the sky above the Falling Star Pavilion. These frequent events caused many Falling Star Pavilion's disciples to watch them in surprise. However, these unusual phenomena did not damage anything in the star realm. A couple of dark-golden figures would quietly charge into the thunder clouds when the Pill Lightning formed and would absorb all the Pill Lightning as wave after wave of rumbling sounds echoed...

This kind of unusual phenomenon continued for nearly half a month before they gradually slowed.

Yao Lao and Xiao Yan slowly walked out of the stone tower on the mountain behind the Falling Star Pavilion half a month later. Their expressions were filled with fatigue. They exchanged glances with each other but did not have the strength to utter any unnecessary words. Both returned to their own rooms and rested for three full days.

Xiao Yan and Yao Lao only met again at noon on the third day. After three days of rest, their auras had completely recovered.

"Let's leave..."

Yao Lao smiled and spoke when he saw Xiao Yan. After counting the time, the spatial trade fair was about to begin. It was time they leave.

Xiao Yan nodded. At this moment, only Cai Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor came with him. The Falling Star Pavilion was their stronghold, and Yao Lao was going to leave this time around. Hence, it was better for more people to remain behind to bolster the defenses.

"I have already arranged the matters of the Falling Star Pavilion appropriately and will hurry back if any accidents occur..." Yao Lao stood at the top of a mountain that overlooked this star realm. He smiled and did not remain any longer. His foot stepped through empty air as he

swiftly rushed to the exit of the Star Realm.

“Let’s leave too...”

Xiao Yan turned his head and urged Cai Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor after seeing Yao Lao leave. The Little Fairy Doctor gently nodded as the three of them swiftly followed Yao Lao.

The spatial trade fair was an unfamiliar term within the Central Plains. Only the top factions and experts across the continent were aware about information related to the spatial trade fair.

When this so-called spatial trade fair began, there was no specific organizer, but everything ultimately required some rules to keep people in line. As the spatial trade fair gradually expanded, a suitable organizer finally appeared. However, this organizer was not a single expert or faction. Instead, order was maintained by three sects with names that were not very well-known.

The three sects were the Ground Line Gate, Mysterious Space Sect, and Reflecting Treasure Mountain.

These three sects’ names were not as renowned as the four pavilions. However, in terms of strength, even factions like the Burning Flame Valley and the Profound Sky Sect would not underestimate them. There were many hidden powers within the Central Plains. The so-called One Hall One Tower, Two Sects Three Valleys, Four Pavilions could not be the strongest factions within the Central Plains. Some factions kept an extremely low profile, but they also possessed an extremely solid foundation and strength. Moreover, the strength of these factions did not lose to any well-known faction, but these factions did not expose themselves to the eyes of the ordinary people due to their style.

These three factions were quite trustworthy in the eyes of the experts from the Central Plains. After having dealt with them a countless number of times, they were selected as the organizers by many sharp-eyed experts. Thus, no accidents would occur at the event.

The spatial trade fair had become bigger and more grand while being jointly managed by the three factions. Many reclusive experts would be

attracted by the ultimate treasures that were trades. This fair could be considered the most lucrative trading ground across the entire Dou Qi continent!

Even Tian class Dou Skills were not extremely rare at this spatial trade fair. Of course, if one wished to obtain such a skill, one needed to take out something that would satisfy the other party. One should not think of trying to rob at this event. Otherwise, one would suffer the combined attack of the three large organizing sects and would be viewed with enmity by the other experts because anyone who wanted to participate in this spatial trade fair needed to swear that they would attack anyone who caused trouble during the event!

Most of the genuine experts still kept the words that they had sworn. Although something like this occurred during some past events, those who wanted to forcefully snatch someone else's item would not have a good ending...

It was due to all these rules that the spatial trade fair had grown. The number of top experts it attracted also increased.

The location of the spatial trade fair was held in a barren desert in the southern part of the Central Plains. Sand and wind normally blew over this place, causing it to be without people. Moreover, this was a poor area and there would seldom be any faction trying to profit from it. Hence, this desert was a barren wasteland. An ordinary person would never be able to imagine that this place, where even a wild beast would not wish to go, was the best trading area within the Central Plains...

“Swoosh!”

The rushing sound of wind suddenly appeared in the clear sky outside of the desert, and four blurry figures flashed down. The next moment, they appeared on the edge of the desert.

“Is it here?” Xiao Yan lifted his head and looked at the desert where yellow sand raged. He asked as question in surprise.

“Aye.” Yao Lao smiled and nodded. His eyes slowly swept around him as he faintly laughed. “This place might appear completely deserted, but if

you sense carefully, you can tell that there are quite a number of powerful auras inside.”

Xiao Yan lifted his brows when he heard Yao Lao’s words. His heart shook as his Spiritual Perception spread out in all directions. Surprise swiftly surged onto his face. He had briefly swept his Spiritual Perception around and had discovered over a hundred auras in this desert. The weakest of these auras was at the three star Dou Zun class while the strongest one vaguely emitted a unique fluctuation. Xiao Yan had sensed such a ripple from Yao Lao many times before. It was a mysterious fluctuation that only an elite Dou Sheng possessed.

Although this ripple was extremely faint, it also meant that the owner of the aura had at least reached the eight change peak of the ninth star of the Dou Zun class. Otherwise, it would be impossible to create such a fluctuation.

“It is indeed worthy of being the highest grade trade fair within the Central Plains. It has attracted so many experts...” Xiao Yan softly praised. These were only the auras he could sense. His heart was aware that there were some auras he could not detect. The owners of these auras would likely have a “Saint” in their name!

“Ha ha, this is only a small portion. After entering it, you will realize that it truly lives up to its reputation of being high-end.” Yao Lao fondled his beard and laughed. He immediately added somewhat seriously, “All of you should behave once we enter. There are many experts inside. Some of the hidden sects might not be well-known, but there sect might contain an old demon-like Dou Sheng existence. Hence, it is best to avoid offending them if we can.”

Xiao Yan’s group nodded when they heard Yao Lao warn them. The current Falling Star Pavilion might be rapidly developing, but this was because it was relying on Yao Lao’s alchemist status and his Ban Sheng strength. Otherwise, the Falling Star Pavilion was merely a faction that was similar to the Wind Lightning Pavilion. One might not be able to say that one could find a large number of similar factions in the Central Plains, but there were definitely quite a few of them...

“Of course, if others come provoking us, we must naturally not be softies.” Yao Lao faintly smiled as he spoke. The Ban Sheng class might not be unmatched, but he still had another status. He was a well-known alchemist in the Central Plains. In the face of this title, even those true elite Dou Sheng would not act arrogant when meeting him.

“Let’s go...”

Yao Lao did not say anything else after his words sounded. With a wave of his hand, his body stepped through empty air as he rushed toward the deepest part of the desert. The yellow sand storm that blew along the way automatically disappeared when it was around a hundred meters from his body. Xiao Yan and the other two followed close behind.

This sandstorm that an ordinary person was extremely terrified of did not pose any obstruction to them. Hence, Xiao Yan’s group had reached the deepest part of the desert ten minutes later. They followed Yao Lao and ascended a very steep mountain of sand. Their eyes swept over the other side of the sand mountain when they reached the top. A shock surged onto their faces.

One could see a thousand-foot-large black hole slowly rotating at the top of the towering sand mountain, which was located in the middle of the desert. Waves of suction forces slowly spread from it.

At this moment, a couple of people with extremely powerful auras flashed down from the surrounding sand mountains. They charged into the wormhole and disappeared...

“This is the entrance of the spatial trade fair, huh... its own realm has been created for it. How grand.”

Xiao Yan softly sighed and muttered to himself as he studied this scene.

Chapter 1393: Eight Coloured Origin Stone

Yao Lao smiled upon seeing the stunned expressions of Xiao Yan's trio. He waved his hand and said, "Let's enter..."

Xiao Yan and the other two nodded when they heard Yao Lao's suggestion. Their bodies moved, and they rushed toward the towering sand mountain. They had appeared in front of the spatial black hole within a couple of flashes. There were occasionally some figures rushing by when the four of them arrived. Their eyes paused on Xiao Yan's group before taking a second glance at Cai Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor. Those who could come to this place were no fools. They were clearly aware of the type of people who would come. Hence, rarely would any foolish people purposefully step forward and find trouble.

Yao Lao ignored these gazes. He stepped through empty air and walked into the spatial black hole. Xiao Yan's group followed close behind. The three of them felt an unusual strength sweeping over them when they entered the spatial black hole. There was no ill intention to this force. Instead, it seemed like it was probing...

Everything turned momentarily black in front of Xiao Yan's group after they entered the black hole. Soon after, light and noise began to appear. They blinked their eyes. The world in front of them had changed into a small town. When one's eyes glanced toward the sky of the small town, one would find that it was completely gray. There was a wild and violent spatial ripple vaguely being emitted.

"This is Space Town, the location where the spatial trade fair is held... although this place is not as spacious as the Gu Realm, it is large enough to be used as a trading location..." Yao Lao looked at the busy streets and laughed.

Xiao Yan and the other two nodded. Being able to create a realm as a trading location was quite a grand thing to do. Although this realm was not large, it was not something that an ordinary person could create.

"Let's randomly roam first. There are no inferior products here. All of

them are rare items.” Yao Lao laughed. After which, he took a step and walked toward a street. Xiao Yan’s group followed behind him with curious faces. Their eyes continued to sweep around them.

Green stone platforms filled both sides of the street. Things like scrolls, jade bottles, weapons, and monster core, had been placed on them. A faint light was being emitted from these objects, indicating that they were not ordinary things. Some human figures were seated behind the stone platforms, and all of these people boasted strong auras. Clearly, they were not people that one could easily offend.

“Earth Demon Kick, Di class High grade Dou Skill...”

“Great Mysterious Skill, Di class High grade Qi Method...”

“Body Transformation Pill, tier 7 high grade medicinal pill...”

“Ten Thousand Year Old Bloody Spiritual Ginseng...”

Various dazzling items continued to enter Xiao Yan’s sight while his eyes continued to leap around. The rarity of some of the things caused an excitement to rise within Xiao Yan’s heart despite his calmness. The pretty eyes of Cai Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor by the side also revealed an unusual glitter.

“Earth Core Spirit Serum. The medicinal pill refined by it can attract a six-colored Pill Lightning...” Xiao Yan’s eyes swept over the medicinal ingredients that were emitting a shocking energy. He softly inhaled a mouthful of cold air. It was unexpected that such a thing was also present in this place.

The street was not long, only a couple of hundred meters. When Xiao Yan discovered that they had reached the end, he finally withdrew his eyes while feeling not fully satisfied. His face was stunned. Just this street alone had over ten things that he was interested in. Although Xiao Yan was interested in them, they were of little use to him. Hence, after some brief inquiries, Xiao Yan decided to give up exchanging for them. The value of the things that these old cunning fellows wanted to exchange for was not the least bit inferior to the things they were selling.

Xiao Yan softly sighed in a somewhat regretful manner. He had just pulled Cai Lin to a deeper part of the town when he discovered that she had suddenly stilled. He quickly became startled. He looked in the direction that she was staring. There was a seven-colored stone there. This stone was around the size of half a fist. There were seven extremely clear lines on it, and a special energy was vaguely radiating from it.

“Seven-Colored Origin Stone?”

Xiao Yan’s brows slightly twitched. He quietly came to a sudden understanding when he recognized this thing. This so-called Seven-Colored Origin Stone was a mutated Spiritual Stone. It possessed a unique relationship with the Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python. It was rumored that a Seven-Colored Origin Stone would hardly ever appeared at the spot where a Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python died. A Seven-Colored Origin Stone had absorbed the blood of a Heaven Swallowing Python to create a unique energy. This energy served as nourishment to a Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python. No wonder Cai Lin would stop because of it.

Xiao Yan slowly stepped forward. His eyes drifted to the back of the stone platform. A shriveled old man was sitting weakly at that spot. He did not greet Xiao Yan’s group, which had stopped in front of the stone platform.

“This elderly sir, may I know what you want in exchange for this Seven-Colored Origin Stone?” Xiao Yan did not mind the old man’s attitude as he faintly smiled and asked.

That skinny old man finally lifted his eyes after hearing Xiao Yan’s words. He slowly said, “Two tier 8 medicinal pills with at least three-colored Pill Lightning.”

“It seems a little expensive, no?” Xiao Yan’s hand rubbed the Seven-Colored Origin Stone. This thing might be rare, but it was not that rare. More importantly, its value was limited. It was only useful to a Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python. It was pointless for anyone else to obtain it. Hence, its value was not equivalent to two tier 8 medicinal pills

with three or more colors of Pill Lightning.

Yao Lao crossed his hands and stood by the side. He did not interrupt. All he did was smiled as he watched Xiao Yan bargain with that skinny old man.

“Don’t exchange for it if you think it is expensive...” That skinny old man was full of character as he rolled his eyes. His tone did not treat Xiao Yan as a customer.

Xiao Yan could only roll his eyes, but he did not reach the stage where he was about to erupt in anger. If he did not even have this patience, he would not have been able to endure those bitter trainings.

While Xiao Yan planned to continue bargaining with the other party, Cai Lin by the side suddenly grabbed Xiao Yan’s hand. Her somewhat cold but delicate finger gently wrote a word on Xiao Yan’s palm. “Buy!”

Xiao Yan was slightly startled by Cai Lin. He understood that Cai Lin was not a foolish woman. Moreover, a Seven-Colored Origin Stone might be rare, but it was not something that she must have at all costs, yet she continued to insist. She had even secretly passed such a message to Xiao Yan. In which case, it was worth deliberating about this matter.

Although Xiao Yan had received Cai Lin’s message, he did not immediately change his words. He continued to bargain with that skinny old man. Once Xiao Yan became a little irritated, he throw a jade bottle over and grabbed the Seven-Colored Origin Stone before turning around with Cai Lin to leave.

That skinny old man was startled when he saw Xiao Yan’s agile trade. He grabbed the jade bottle in front of him and checked its content, feeling a little stunned. A moment later, he frowned and looked at the backs of Xiao Yan’s group, which were disappearing in the distance. He felt that something was amiss in his heart without understanding why.

“Damn it, has the old me identified it wrong? But that is obviously a Seven-Colored Origin Stone. What is with that fellow?” The skinny old man muttered doubtfully. However, there was no one there to unravel his doubt.

After grabbing the Seven-Colored Origin Stone, Xiao Yan's group quickly disappeared from the old man's sight. Only after taking a turn did Xiao Yan halt. He handed the Seven-Colored Origin Stone to Cai Lin and asked, "Is there something wrong with this stone?"

Yao Lao and the Little Fairy Doctor by the side were surprised as they waited for Cai Lin to explain. They quickly examined the Seven-Colored Origin Stone but were unable to detect a difference.

"Ugh..."

Cai Lin received the Seven-Colored Origin Stone. A smile surfaced on her cold face as she said, "An ordinary person only knows that the place where a Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python died has a chance of forming a Seven-Colored Origin Stone. However, they are unaware that if a hundred or more Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python die in the same spot, there is a chance an eight-colored or even nine-colored Origin Stone will form, but it is basically impossible for a hundred Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python to die at the same spot. Hence, an ordinary person is only aware of the Seven-Colored Origin Stone not the eight or nine color stones..."

"The true peak of the Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python is not known by this name. Instead, it is called the Nine-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python, but only those Heaven Swallowing Python ancestors with the richest bloodline will be able to reach that level. This is a memory that is inherited from the bloodline of the Heaven Swallowing Python. An ordinary person, even people like you, do not know this."

Upon hearing these words, not only was Xiao Yan surprised, even Yao Lao was a little stunned. Clearly, they had never heard of this secret.

"No wonder only you can recognize it..." Xiao Yan bitterly smiled and shook his head. He curiously asked, "In that case, is this Origin Stone eight or nine colors?"

Cai Lin's fingernail cut her finger. A drop of blood landed on the Origin Stone. One could see a slowly wiggling line appear behind the seventh line on the smooth surface of the rock...

“In order to see just how many colors this Origin Stone has, one must use the blood of a Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python...”

“Eight-Colored Origin Stone...”

Xiao Yan felt a little pity when he saw this. If this was a Nine-Colored Origin Stone, Cai Lin would have gained a lot this time around. Of course, he was aware that this was his own greed. Eight colors was already not bad. If it was used properly, it would significantly increase Cai Lin’s strength. The eight-colored stone might be different than the seven-colored stone by a color, but the energy that was contained in them was vastly different.

“Hee, if that old fellow was aware of this, it is likely that he would spit out a mouthful of blood...” Yao Lao smiled. It was unexpected that they would find such a gain after having just arrived at the spatial trade fair.

“Let’s go, I will bring all of you to see a true treasure. The thing that we need is also there...”

Yao Lao waved his hand. After which, he turned his body and walked to one side of the street. Xiao Yan and the Little Fairy Doctor quickly followed. Finally, Cai Lin rubbed the Eight-Colored Origin Stone in her hand before she put it into her Storage Ring. She did not discover the extremely tiny line that quietly appeared behind the eighth line when she put the Origin Stone...

Chapter 1394: Ancient Hall

Space Town was not very large. It was only comprised of a couple of intersecting ancient streets, and there were many people in this small town. Moreover, all of them were extremely powerful individuals. They were all top tier experts in the outside world while they were simply common and ordinary here.

Xiao Yan and the two others followed Yao Lao as they wandered across a couple of ancient streets. They did not stop along the way because of the dazzling items on both sides. They hurried to their destination before finally stopping at the end of a street.

Their destination was on the edge of Space Town. The surroundings had become quite empty, and it was no longer as noisy as before. An ancient building stood at this spot as an extremely old feeling spread from it. It was as though it had been standing there forever, causing one to be afraid of slighting it.

There were two expressionless old men in gray robes standing outside of the building. The two of them stood without moving, appearing just like statues. However, there was still a powerful Dou Qi fluctuation vaguely spreading around their bodies, causing one's heart to feel awed. Just these two door guards alone had reached the level of six star Dou Zuns. An expert of such a level would be treated as a VIP even in the Profound Sky Sect or the current Falling Star Pavilion.

From this, one could tell the high standards of this spatial trade fair!

“This Ancient Treasure Pavilion is not a place that anyone can just enter. One must obtain an invitation from the three Great Sects in order to enter... obtaining this invitation is not as easy as one might imagine.” Yao Lao smiled. Unless one was an expert or faction that was worthy of being trusted by the three Great Sects organizing the spatial trade fair, one would not be able to obtain this invitation. Yao Lao could be considered an old patron. Naturally, it was not too difficult for him to obtain an invitation.

Xiao Yan's trio nodded slightly. Not just anyone could come here.

Yao Lao walked toward the door after his words sounded. He flicked his finger and a red glow shot out of his sleeve and headed toward the two old men. One of the old men grabbed it, and the red glow turned into a bright-red invitation card.

"Welcome..."

The expressionless old men revealed a change when they received the red light. Their turbid eyes glanced at Yao Lao's group before bowing. One of them waved his sleeve and four black lights shot toward Xiao Yan's group. After which, the light remained suspended in front of them. The lights were surprisingly dark-black Doupengs.

"Most who enter this place hide their identities. After all, one does not display one's wealth. These Doupengs are specially made by the three Great Sect. It can prevent others from probing..." Yao Lao smiled as he explained. He immediately put on the Doupeng, which hid his entire body. Xiao Yan's group also put them on.

"Let's go..." Yao Lao smiled. After which, he led the way into the pavilion that was filled with an ancient aura. Xiao Yan's group followed close behind. Xiao Yan's eyes swept around when their footsteps entered this ancient pavilion. The building was dimly lit and appeared ordinary. There was nothing special to it nor was there any feeling of treasure.

"Four guests, please follow me..."

A gray-robed old man quickly walked over while Xiao Yan was observing his surroundings. He softly informed them before walking to the deepest part of the dim building. Yao Lao did not say anything as he followed. He was very familiar with his surroundings. The trio behind him quickly followed.

The group walked through some corridors of the building for a couple of minutes. Finally, they stopped in front of a large bronze door. That old man also paused his footsteps and cupped his hands to Yao Lao. He did not say anything unnecessary as he quietly left.

“This is our destination...”

Yao Lao softly stated. After which, he slowly pushed open the ancient bronze door. A faint light shot out from within, but Yao Lao did not dodge it. Instead, he took a step and walked in.

Xiao Yan's trio followed him through the bronze door. Xiao Yan's eyes were narrowed, and after the intense light disappeared, an ancient hall that was half the size of a stadium appeared in front of their eyes. The interior of the ancient hall was filled with many stone chairs. At this moment, many figures were already seated, and these people's faces were also hidden by a black Doupeng like Xiao Yan's group. No one could tell the other party's identity.

The entrance of Xiao Yan's group attracted some scanning eyes, but these eyes quickly shifted away. Xiao Yan still sensed some eyes secretly scanning over them. It seemed that they were planning to discover their identities through an opening.

Yao Lao did not respond to these inquisitive gazes. He walked to a slightly more deserted spot and sat in a chair. He waved his sleeve and the surrounding space became distorted.

“There are many experts present. We must be careful. Otherwise, our conversations can be discovered by them...” Yao Lao faintly explained.

Xiao Yan nodded when he heard this. His eyes swept around him. He discovered quite a number of spatial traces in some other spots. Clearly, the others present were quite cautious.

“Let's quietly wait first. The transactions in this place will likely begin very soon...” Yao Lao softly spoke before becoming quiet. Xiao Yan could sense that Yao Lao seemed to be slowly scanning the hall at this moment. It seemed that he wanted to discover these people's backgrounds.

Xiao Yan was naturally unable to help Yao Lao much when it came to such probing. With his eighth star Dou Zun strength, he might be considered extremely strong in the outside world, but there was at least ten people in this room that could surpass him. Plus he was naturally too lazy to scan the room. Otherwise, he might end up attracting some

unnecessary trouble.

While Yao Lao probed, the rest remained silent as two hours quietly passed. Some figures wearing black Doupengs entered the hall during these two hours. A rough glance revealed that there were over a hundred people present.

“Hu...”

Yao Lao by the side softly sighed while Xiao Yan was waiting with boredom. Only then did Xiao Yan turn his head and softly inquire, “Have you managed to find anything?”

“Ha ha, there have been some gains. It seems that some familiar people have come...” Yao Lao smiled, but he did not reveal who these familiar people were, so Xiao Yan could only helplessly shake his head.

“Clang!”

A clear gong sound suddenly appeared in this quiet ancient hall while Xiao Yan was feeling helpless, and a white-haired white-bearded old man, who looked like a dying man, slowly appeared in front of everyone’s eyes from distorted space.

Xiao Yan knit his brows under the Doupeng when he discovered the white-haired old man. Based on his senses, this half-dead old man was quite frightening. The strange fluctuation that only an elite Dou Sheng possessed vaguely appeared around him.

“Nine Change Peak Dou Zun, huh...”

Xiao Yan muttered to himself. This white-haired old man likely had half a foot in the Ban Sheng class. If the Dou Qi within his body were suppressed once more, it would undergo a transformation that would allow him to advance to a Ban Sheng!

“This is the mountain chief of the Reflecting Treasure Mountain, old man Bao Shan. He has seen an unimaginable number of treasures in his lifetime and has extremely sharp eyes. When I first met him back then, he was already a renowned expert across the Central Plains. The current him has already become a Nine Change Peak Dou Zun. He is only a short

distance from a Ban Sheng...” Yao Lao soft voice was transmitted into the ears of Xiao Yan’s trio.

“Nine Change Peak Dou Zun.”

Cai Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor revealed grave expressions on their faces when they heard these words, especially Cai Lin. Her heart was a little shaken. The Central Plains were indeed worthy of being the area with the highest standard in the Dou Qi continent. If such an expert came to the north part of the continent, that expert would definitely be at the top, but he had appeared to host the trade fair. Of course, this was not an ordinary trade fair.

“Ha ha, it is another spatial trade fair. How is everyone doing...” That old man Bao Shan swept his eyes over the large hall. His elderly voice echoed beside everyone’s ears, but no one present responded to his greeting. The atmosphere of the hall was still strangely quiet.

Old man Bao Shan was also unconcerned with this response. It was not the first time he had experienced this. He waved his sleeve and the space around him slowly became distorted. It seemed like a spatial prison had surrounded old man Bao Shan.

“The old rules still apply. Everyone should not mind it too much...”

Old man Bao Shan smiled after doing this. After which, he stood on the auction stage in front, let out a cough, and said, “Almost everyone is here. In that case, I shall not say anything unnecessary. Let’s begin this trade fair...”

After the final sentence of old man Bao Shan sounded, all the gazes within the large hall immediately gathered on him. There was some anticipation and excitement vaguely present. Everyone knew that the things offered at this trade fair were not ordinary!

Chapter 1395: The Last Map Fragment

“Next, we will begin auctioning the first object of this spatial trade fair...”

Old man Bao Shan’s hand rubbed the empty space in front of him from within his distorted spatial wall. A pair of dense-white bone wings appeared in front of everyone’s eyes. The faint sound of wind lightning was emitted from the ancient wings.

“Demon Phoenix wings?”

Xiao Yan was startled when he saw this pair of familiar bone wings. His expression immediately became a little strange. He had always heard that the Heaven Demon Phoenix tribe greatly valued the corpses and bloodline of their tribe members. Anyone who dared to take a corpse would be surrounded and attacked by the Heaven Demon Phoenix tribe. Hence, he had always been afraid about revealing the Heaven Phoenix Wings on him. Unexpectedly, the first item to be sold in this spatial trade fair were these wings.

“Hee, looks like the Heaven Demon Phoenix tribe has met with many sneak attacks, but it is expected. The Heaven Demon Phoenix’s body is full of treasures. It is not strange for someone to target them...” Xiao Yan gloated within his heart. He was also clearly aware that the only auction hall that dared to deal with the Demon Phoenix wings was only this spatial trade fair.

“Demon Phoenix wings, the wings of a Heaven Demon Phoenix. Everyone present should be aware of how rare they are. If they are refined into a Flying Dou Skill, no one of the same level would be able to catch up to you in terms of speed. It is a must have to kill others or flee..” Old man Bao Shan smiled as he spoke. His words clearly indicated that he was not afraid of offending the Heaven Demon Phoenix.

“The owner of these Demon Phoenix wings wishes to exchange them for a tier 8 medicinal pill that has experienced a four-colored Pill Lightning. After our evaluation, the Demon Phoenix wings are worth this much. Hence, anyone who is interested can begin bidding.”

The large hall once again descended into silence after old man Bao Shan's words sounded. Xiao Yan crossed his hands in front of his chest. He leaned his body against the backrest and watched everyone with great interest. He was already in possession of a pair of Demon Phoenix wings and naturally understood the benefits. By relying on them, Xiao Yan had escaped from the hands of people far stronger than him many times. However, since Xiao Yan already possessed them, he would not place his attention on them.

The large hall was completely silent. No one spoke, but old man Bao Shan was not anxious. His face was still full of smiles.

This silence continued for around five minutes before a hoarse voice finally said, "I want it..."

Xiao Yan's eyes looked in the direction of where the voice had originated. He saw a human figure in a Doupeng randomly toss a jade bottle toward old man Bao Shan.

Old man Bao Shan received the jade bottle. He opened it and took a glance before smiling. His eyes looked around him and asked, "Is there anyone willing to offer a higher price than this?"

The surroundings were completely silent. This did not surprise old man Bao Shan. The original owner of these Demon Phoenix wings was a six star Dou Zun. It was not bad that it could be exchanged for a four color Pill Lightning tier 8 medicinal pill. No one would compete for it with a higher price since it was not worth it.

Old man Bao Shan smiled when he saw no one open their mouths. With a flick of his finger, the Demon Phoenix wings in front of him flew to the person who had offered the bid. The bidder grabbed the wings and stuffed them into his Storage Ring.

This transaction was very simple. Both parties would exchange goods at the same time since the things they were exchanging for were all extremely expensive.

"This place is different than an ordinary auction. Unless there is a special reason, most people will choose to give up when the things that

they fork out far surpass the things that they wish to buy. After all, the people here are not some suckers..." Yao Lao softly explained.

Xiao Yan nodded. It was likely that one could find dozens of people here who could take out something that surpassed a four-colored Pill Lightning tier 8 medicinal pill. However, only one person had offered the bid earlier. It was partially because the allure of this Demon Phoenix wings was insufficient, but it also indicated the calmness of these people.

"Ha ha, the second item that we will be auctioning today..."

Old man Bao Shan smiled after having successfully completed the first transaction. Another object once again flashed and appeared in front of him. Surprisingly, it was a pale-golden scroll.

"King Kong Glass Body, Tian class low level Dou Skill. This Dou Skill was created by Saint Liu Li a thousand years ago. If one practices this Dou Skill to its peak, one's body would appear as indestructible as metal, one's punch could collapse the sky, and one's feet could crack the ground. It is a kind of powerful Dou Skill that combines both offense and defense together."

Surprise flashed across Xiao Yan's eyes when he heard old man Bao Shan's introduction. This King Kong Glass Body seemed to be a method to train one's physical body. It was likely quite powerful in order to reach the Tian class.

"This Dou Skill's owner wishes to exchange it for a Tian class low level water affinity Qi Method. Of course, it is also alright if one takes out some medicinal pills of equal value..." Old man Bao Shan smiled as he spoke.

Quite a number of people present in this large hall were quite interested in this Dou Skill. Hence, someone threw out a pale-blue scroll after old man Bao Shan spoke. The scroll finally landed in old man Bao Shan's hands.

Old man Bao Shan received the scroll. He opened it and took a glance. After which, he lifted his head and looked around him. Before he could speak, another two people threw scrolls at him. Within less than two minutes, four scrolls had appeared in old man Bao Shan's hands. There

were four people who were interested in this King Kong Glass Body.

Xiao Yan involuntarily sighed in his heart as he looked at the scroll in old man Bao Shan's hands. The four scrolls were Tian class low grade Qi Methods. It had been only a short while but many Tian class Qi Methods, which were extremely rare in the outside world, had appeared. This scene caused even Xiao Yan to involuntarily sigh in his heart. It was indeed the case that one came into contact with different things at a certain level. Back then, he had fought a life and death battle before he luckily managed to obtain a Tian class low level Dou Skill...

No one else joined the bid after four scrolls were thrown out. Old man Bao Shan opened each of the four scrolls and carefully read through them. A moment later, he slowly shut his eyes. They were once again opened a minute later. He flicked his finger and three of the scrolls in his hand shot back to their owners. He laughed, "After the owner of the Dou Skill looked the offers over, a conclusion has been reached for this transaction..." His sleeve was flicked as he spoke. The golden-colored Dou Qi scroll in front of him flew to the back of the hall. Subsequently, it landed in the hands of a black-robed person. This scroll was put in that person's Storage Ring in the blink of an eye.

"Hmph..."

The three others let out a soft displeased snort when the Qi Methods they offered were not selected. Clearly, they were in a bad mood.

Old man Bao Shan acted as though he did not hear these voices. He continued to conduct the trade fair...

The items that appeared during the subsequent trades became more dazzling. From Dou Skills to Qi Methods, from medicinal pills to great natural treasures, from weapons to medicinal cauldrons... each item that was taken out would stir quite a commotion in the outside world, but they were not shocking here.

Although these auctioned objects were rare, Xiao Yan did not bid for them. He did not bid for anything other than a poison book called "Sky Quiet Poison Code." He had used two five-colored Pill Lightning tier 8

medicinal pills to purchase the book for the Little Fairy Doctor. One reason why he did not bid for more items was because the items that the other party requested were quite harsh. Another reason was that he did not need these objects in his heart.

The so-called “Sky Quiet Poison Code” had been created by an elite Dou Sheng called Saint Sky Quiet Poison thousands of years ago. This elite Dou Sheng loved to use poison throughout his life. Hence, he had left behind a scroll containing the refinement methods of various mysterious poisons. Some of the lethal poisons could cause even an elite Dou Zun to become miserable. Although this book possessed a great might, it required one to have researched poisons before and was rather unorthodox. Otherwise, it would not have been possible for Xiao Yan to purchase it so easily.

Although Xiao Yan did not purchase anything for himself, the perplexing objects being auctioned opened Xiao Yan’s eyes. Only at this moment did he understand why so many top experts rushed to this spatial trade fair. The things that were being traded here were extremely rare...

As one rare object after another was successfully exchanged, the atmosphere in the large hall became much hotter. Heated eyes shot out from many Doupengs. They stared intently at old man Bao Shan in the middle of the hall. However, the thing that caused Xiao Yan to frown was that the map fragment related to the Purifying Demon Lotus Flame had yet to appear.

“Next, we will begin auctioning the second to last item of this trade fair...”

Old man Bao Shan, who had just successfully traded an item at a high price, lifted his head and displayed an extremely happy face. He smiled and clenched his hand, and a yellowish ancient skin appeared in his hand.

Xiao Yan, who was feeling a little impatient in his heart, suddenly lifted his head when this ancient skin appeared. He stared at the ancient map fragment while his breathing within the Doupeng had become much rougher and heavier. This map was something he was very familiar with because Xiao Yan had been searching for them for over a decade...

“Ha ha, this is only a map fragment. There is no special energy to it. However, after studying it, we have come to the conclusion that this map fragment is related to the legendary Purifying Demon Lotus Flame...” Old man Bao Shan lifted the old skin with his hand. All the eyes within the large hall gathered on the ancient map fragment after old man Bao Shan’s words rang out.

The Purifying Demon Lotus Flame was ranked third on the Heavenly Flame ranking. This kind of Heavenly Flame, which seemed to exist only in legends, was something that even someone like Yao Lao had never personally seen. Everyone present was clearly aware of the strength of the top three Heavenly Flames.

They were a true force that could destroy the world and were already beyond the control of humans. Anyone who could obtain and control this Heavenly Flame would find very few opponents within the Dou Qi continent...

This was because this Heavenly Flame represented an extreme destructive force!

Chapter 1396: Information

Old man Bao Shan smiled when he saw the completely silent hall. He was clearly aware of the allure of the Purifying Demon Lotus Flame. Hence, he had left the map fragment as the second to last item before taking it out.

Many fiery hot pairs of eyes within the large hall were staring at the map fragment. Those present were not ordinary people. Even the Purifying Demon Lotus Flame was a legendary thing to them. They had only heard of it and had never truly seen it. Of course, this did not hinder anyone from coveting it. Anything powerful would ultimately attract countless pairs of greedy eyes regardless of the danger involved.

Although this map fragment was not the true Purifying Demon Lotus Flame, one would be able to obtain some information related to the Purifying Demon Lotus Flame by obtaining it. If they could obtain it, the benefits could be described as endless.

“Ha ha, the owner of this map fragment wishes to exchange it for some medicinal pills. Of course, the quality of the medicinal pills must be at least a six-colored Pill Lightning. As for the quantity, that will depend on everyone...” Old man Bao Shan smiled. His eyes swept over the hall before he said, “The bidding will begin now. Everyone, please offer your bids.”

There were many people in the large hall who were interested in this map fragment. Immediately, a hoarse elderly voice said, “Three six-colored Pill Lightning tier 8 medicinal pills.”

“Four six-colored Pill Lightning tier 8 medicinal pills.”

“Five...”

Many bids were suddenly issued from the large hall within less than two short minutes. The hall’s atmosphere abruptly became fiery hot. The bidding price swiftly rose in front of old man Bao Shan’s smiling eyes. Everyone clearly understood that the map fragment was worth far more than these offers. However, if one could rely on this map fragment to find the Purifying Lotus Demon Flame, this loss would not be worth

mentioning.

“What should we do now?” Xiao Yan frowned and softly asked after learning that so many people were interested.

“Don’t be anxious, let’s wait...” Yao Lao shook his head as he replied.

Xiao Yan could only nod his head when he heard Yao Lao’s response. He forcefully calmed his heart. The frown on his brows deepened when he heard the continuously rising price. He had indeed underestimated the allure of the Purifying Demon Lotus Flame. Even though it was only a map fragment, it caused all these people to act crazy.

The bid continued to rapidly rise amid numerous cries that refused to give in to each other. Within less than ten minutes, the price had already risen to nine six-colored Pill Lightning tier 8 medicinal pills. This bid caused even Xiao Yan’s expression to become a little ugly. A bid that involved so many six-colored Pill Lightning medicinal pills had exceeded his expectations.

Fortunately, the current price had exceeded the point most people could accept. Hence, the number of people bidding also decreased, but everyone knew that these remaining people were truly wealthy individuals.

“Five seven-colored Pill Lightning tier 8 medicinal pills.”

A cold cry that contained some anger suddenly echoed after the previous bid.

This price was undoubtedly high, and the large hall quickly became quieter. Many eyes followed the origin of the sound that had been transmitted, but all they saw was a figure completely covered by a black robe.

“Eight pills.”

An elderly voice suddenly sounded in a simple manner.

Xiao Yan quietly sighed in his heart when he heard this voice. Yao Lao had finally begun to bid. However, Xiao Yan didn’t know if Yao Lao would truly be able to obtain the map fragment. After all, the people here were

not ordinary individuals.

“Hmph.” The person who had cried out the price earlier snorted when he heard Yao Lao open his mouth to make a bid. The man hesitated for a moment before he clenched his teeth and said, “One eight-colored Pill Lightning tier 8 medicinal pill!”

A low uproar appeared within the large hall after his words sounded. Many people had not expected this fellow to take out an eight-colored Pill Lightning medicinal pill.

“Three pills...”

This voice was still faint, but it suppressed all the voice in the hall. Yao Lao caused that person to give up with a great unwillingness.

Xiao Yan sighed in relief when that person ceased speaking. He was just about to speak when Yao Lao’s voice appeared beside him, “Don’t be happy too soon.”

“Five Pills.”

Xiao Yan’s face twitched when he heard a voice filled with a cold sternness. His eyes searched for the origin of the voice that was being transmitted. He found a somewhat skinny figure seated on a stone chair. The skinny figure seemed to have sensed Xiao Yan’s eyes since he suddenly turned his head. A pair of dark and stern eyes shot over like sharp arrows from under the Doupeng, causing space itself to fluctuate. At the same time, an unusual pressure surfaced on Xiao Yan’s body.

“Hmph!”

Yao Lao let out a cold snort when the pressure formed around them. He randomly waved his sleeve and the invisible pressure was destroyed in an instant.

“What a frightening strength this person has...”

Xiao Yan finally recovered and was quietly stunned in his heart while Yao Lao exchanged blows with this mysterious person.

“Be careful. This person is an expert with half a foot in the Ban Sheng

class...” Yao Lao softly mentioned. His voice gained a solemnness for the first time.

Xiao Yan’s expression changed upon hearing this. This spatial trade fair was indeed a place with many hidden experts.

“Eight Pills.”

Yao Lao coldly cried out after speaking to Xiao Yan. At this moment, his expression had gained a tight frown. Such a price had exceeded his estimate.

“Ha ha, this friend has bid the price of eight eight-colored Pill Lightning medicinal pill. Is there anyone who is still going to bid?” Old man Bao Shan smiled as he asked a question.

Old man Bao Shan’s words caused the large hall to become silent for a moment. Many pairs of eyes were thrown toward the skinny man, who had counterbid Yao Lao earlier.

That skinny black-robed man smiled in a dark and cold manner when all these gazes swung over. He immediately opened his mouth and said, “One nine-colored Pill Lightning tier 8 medicinal pill. If you are able to offer a higher price, this map fragment will belong to you!”

“This fellow is really crazy...”

Everyone present inhaled a gentle breath of cool air when they heard that the black-robed person was willing to take out a nine-colored Pill Lightning medicinal pill. They shook their heads and quietly made comments in their hearts.

Xiao Yan’s expression had also turned gloomy at this moment. He also possessed a nine-colored Pill Lightning medicinal pill in his hand. It was the Pill Beast that he had obtained from the Dou Sheng remains last time. However, his losses would be too frightening if he bid the Pill Beast. After all, if this Pill Beast was reared properly, it might even be able to advance to a tier 9 medicinal pill in the future. At that time, its value would soar by hundreds of times. Even a Dou Sheng class expert would be attracted by it. He would not take out a medicinal pill with such a potential no matter

what.

Yao Lao's finger gently pounded against the armrest. Although there was a Doupeng covering him, Xiao Yan was aware that his face consisted of a frown at this moment. He pulled his sleeves and slowly shook his head. This was not the moment to be impulsive. Even though they were unable to use proper means to obtain this map fragment, they would still be able to use other means to do so...

Yao Lao slowly spread his hand when he saw Xiao Yan. He nodded and a low voice was transmitted into Xiao Yan's ear. "The price is too great, but I am already aware of that person's identity. He is an old opponent... this time around, I will coincidentally be able to resolve the conflict from back then."

Given Yao Lao's character, he would not simply watch this final map fragment leave. It was just as Xiao Yan had thought. Since they were unable to obtain it through proper means, they could only use some other means. Moreover, it was not the first time that he and Xiao Yan had done this. They also had to use other means in the Black-Corner Region in order to obtain another map fragment. It seemed that an old show was about to repeat itself...

"Hee hee..."

That skinny black-robed person laughed in a low voice. After which, his eyes returned to old man Bao Shan at the middle of the hall. He waved his hand and a small snow-white rabbit appeared in it. An extremely dense pill fragrance filled the room the moment it appeared, causing the eyes of many to turn a little red. A nine-colored Pill Lightning medicinal pill was something that even a Ban Sheng class expert desired. Even less needed to be said about the elite Dou Zuns.

The skinny black-robed man rubbed this little rabbit with his hand. He also felt some pain, but he clenched his teeth the moment he thought of the Purifying Demon Lotus Flame. A glow rose from his hand that wrapped around the rabbit. After which, it was shot toward old man Bao Shan with lightning-like speed.

While this nine-colored medicinal pill rushed across the large hall, many people felt an impulse to snatch it. However, it was fortunate that these people did not lose their reasoning. They did not do anything after struggling with the impulse in their hearts.

Old man Bao Shan beckoned with his hand and received the cluster of light. After which, he carefully examined the snow-white rabbit. He sensed the unbelievably pure energy within its body. Only then did he nod his head. His eyes contained a marvel. Clearly, he had not expected someone to take out such a medicinal pill as a bid.

“This friend, the transaction is complete. This map belongs to you...”

Old man Bao Shan carefully stored the rabbit. His finger flicked over the ancient map fragment. The map fragment turned into a ray of light that rushed toward the skinny black-robed old man. Finally, the man grabbed it with a pleased smile on his face.

Xiao Yan slowly clenched his hand when the ancient map landed in the hands of that black-robed old man. A chill flashed within his dark-black eyes. He needed to obtain this Purifying Demon Lotus Flame at any cost. Hence, he had to obtain this map fragment even if this old fellow was someone who had half a foot in the Ban Sheng class!

“Ha ha, the last item of our spatial trade fair is not an object but some information. Although this information will spread through the Central Plains soon, the information we have here should be firsthand...”

Old man Bao Shan smiled after completing the ancient map transaction. His eyes scanned the hall as he said, “Relax, we will not ask for a reward for this information. However, due to it being a little shocking, we have placed it last...”

Everyone frowned when they heard old man Bao Shan’s words. Everyone in the room stared at him with some doubt. Just what kind of information could old man Bao Shan hold with such regard?

Old man Bao Shan smiled as he sensed the many uncertain eyes. His soft voice slowly echoed through the large hall.

“The legendary Bodhisattva Ancient Tree, rumored to be able to allow one to breakthrough the ordinary and become a Sheng (Saint), has once again appeared after ten thousand years...”

Chapter 1397: Ancient Wasteland Region

“Bodhisattva Ancient Tree?”

Old man Bao Shan’s words were like a bomb that caused the entire hall to abruptly turn into an uproar. Some experts were unable to control the shock in their hearts as they suddenly stood up.

The Bodhisattva Ancient Tree would enter the top three if every natural treasure across the entire Dou Qi continent were to be ranked!

The Bodhisattva Ancient Tree was also known as the Knowledge Reincarnation Tree. This tree would grow one cycle every one thousand years. It would only mature after a hundred cycles. Most things would be eroded after such a long period of time. However, the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree existed outside of time. It could be considered one of the extremely ancient species of the continent...

It was rumored that the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree appeared once every thousand years and would cause a huge commotion across the continent each time it appeared. Looking back at the long history of the continent, even elite Dou Shengs had died while fighting over the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree!

According to the records of some ancient books, only one Bodhisattva Ancient Tree grew in this world. It possessed its own intelligence and would hide deep underground after it appeared. No one would be able to find it, and it would only appear in the world when it was ready.

Bodhisattva Ancient Tree, becoming a Sheng(Saint) immediately!

These were not empty words. The interior of the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree was the Bodhisattva Heart. Those who obtained it would have their heart transformed into a Bodhisattva Heart and becoming a saint would be a simple task. This was not mere rumor because an old expert had possessed such good luck. After swallowing the Bodhisattva Heart, this untalented two star Dou Zun broke through all the obstacles in his advancement in a simple fashion, and within a short five years, he reached the Dou Sheng class, shaking the entire continent in the process.

This kind of divine effect caused everyone to go crazy. Whoever managed to obtain the Bodhisattva Heart meant that they possessed a direct passage to advance to the Dou Sheng class, the current peak level of this world!

Moreover, even if the Bodhisattva Heart was eliminated from the picture, the slightly inferior Bodhisattva Seed would also increase the chances of successfully advancing to the Dou Sheng class. Although it was not as terrifying as the Bodhisattva Heart, it still possessed an irresistible allure to those at the peak of the Dou Zun class since the breakthrough to the Ban Sheng class was too difficult and dangerous. Some of the experts at the peak of the Dou Zun class might not be able to reach that level even after a lifetime. At this moment, a Bodhisattva Seed would make them go insane.

In summary, the temptation of the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree to peak experts had reached a crazy stage. One could imagine just what kind of a great uproar this news would stir in the Central Plains.

“Hu...”

Yao Lao by the side let out a long sigh while Xiao Yan’s eyes revealed a stunned expression. One could sense the slight disbelief in his voice. This so-called information caused even someone with his mental fortitude to not remain completely calm.

“It is actually the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree...”

Yao Lao muttered after letting out a heavy sigh.

Xiao Yan slightly nodded. His finger rubbed his Storage Ring. There was a Bodhisattva Seed inside it. It was rumored that the Bodhisattva Seed was able to sense the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree. However, why had he not discovered anything? Could it be he was too far away?

Standing at the middle of the large hall, old man Bao Shan smiled as he heard everyone inhale a breath of cold air after being shaken by this news. Even he greatly coveted the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree. If the place it had appeared wasn’t too dangerous, he would not have been able to restrain himself from leading his people over to search for the treasure.

“Old man Bao Shan, may I know where the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree has appeared?” The shock in the hall continued for a moment before someone took the lead to ask.

All the excited eyes present once again gathered on old man Bao Shan after this person asked a question. From the looks of it, they would not be able to control themselves and would attack old man Bao Shan if he refused to reply. Their reasoning was quite fragile because of the allure of the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree.

“Ha ha, everyone can rest assured that this elderly-self will not hide anything now that I have spoken.” Old man Bao Shan understood the thoughts in these people’s hearts. He would naturally not use this matter as a joke. He laughed, “The location where the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree has appeared is likely not a foreign one. It is the Ancient Wasteland Region located on the north-eastern border of the Central Plains.”

“Ancient Wasteland Region?”

Many exclamations reverberated around the large hall after these words were said. Those experts who had suddenly sat straight up earlier deflated with an anxious expression in their eyes.

“It is actually located in such a dangerous area...”

Xiao Yan slightly knit his brows. He had naturally heard about the Ancient Wasteland Region. That area was probably the oldest place in the current Dou Qi continent. It was also the forbidden ground of all humans. The weather inside was terrible, and poison permeated the air as fierce beasts roamed. These fierce beasts were descendents from ancient times. Some of them were not inferior to any tribe in the current Magical Beast world with the exception of the Ancient Void Dragon. In other words, even the Heaven Demon Phoenix tribe would perish if they entered...

These beasts were bloodthirsty and violent. Although they were not intelligent, their strengths were extremely frightening. Even experts at the peak of the Dou Zun class would not dare to say that they would be able to successfully leave the place alive. This was a truth provided by a countless number of years of blood lessons because many experts had entered the

wasteland in search of treasures. However, contact with them was eventually lost. Some renowned experts within the Central Plains were among those who had entered.

As an increasing number of experts disappeared in the Ancient Wasteland Region, its dangerous reputation spread further. Eventually, no one dared to step into it. Another factor was that this wasteland was a little far away, so this once dangerous land gradually faded from memory.

However, no one had expected the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree to appear within the Ancient Wasteland Region this time around!

“No wonder this old fellow would release this kind of information. With the strength of the Reflecting Treasure Sect and the other two factions, they would be committing suicide if they entered the Ancient Wasteland Region. They wish to attract more people to enter in order to gain some benefits from the chaos...” Yao Lao slowly unraveled his thoughts. He was also deeply aware of the danger of the Ancient Wasteland Region. He also understood why old man Bao Shan was so open-minded about sharing such news.

“Ha ha, every appearance of the Bodhisattva Ancient Tree results in an unnatural phenomenon. Everyone should gradually be able to sense it within a month. At that time, you will know that I am stating the truth.” Old man Bao Shan smiled as he stated. “I have already provided the information to everyone. This spatial trade fair has successfully been completed. Thank you all for participating.”

The atmosphere in the large hall was quiet for a moment before some people began to stand up before they walked out of the hall.

“We should also leave. The Bodhisattva Ancient Tree is indeed a mysterious thing. We should head over to take a look if we find the chance.” Yao Lao softly commented when he saw that the trade fair had been concluded. This was a very good opportunity. If they could obtain the Bodhisattva Heart, the route to advance to the Dou Sheng class would be incomparably smooth. In other words, a Dou Sheng would appear in the Falling Star Pavilion. They would then feel more confident if they were to

fight the Hall of Souls.

“However, we must first obtain the ancient map...” Yao Lao faintly laughed. He slightly turned his head. That skinny black-robed man, who had successfully bought the ancient map, had turned around and left. A cold smile slid across Yao Lao’s face as he glanced at the his back.

“Let’s go...”

Yao Lao got up. After which, he walked out of the large hall without turning his head. Xiao Yan and two swiftly followed. They were aware that an intense battle was inevitable.

Yao Lao disappeared for a moment after the trade fair was concluded. After which, he returned swiftly before leading Xiao Yan’s group out of this realm. He flew to the north-west. Finally, they glided through the desert and stopped on a steep mountain.

“This is a spot where they must pass. Given those three old demons’ characters, they will definitely not take a detour even if they possess a great treasure...” Yao Lao looked into the distance and spoke in a faint voice.

“Teacher, what is the background of those people?” Xiao Yan nodded and inquired.

“An evil and strange sect called the Cloud Rain Sect. This sect rears meat cauldrons to raise one’s strength. These so-called meat cauldrons are talented girls who are given a Qi Method to train. They will bitterly train for over a decade before the Dou Qi within their bodies is absorbed through the Cloud Rain Sect’s unique intercourse method. Of course, this kind of Qi Method is too overbearing. The ladies whose Dou Qi has been absorbed usually die from old age within ten days.

“The Cloud Rain Sect has over a thousand disciples. Moreover, all of them are females, but they are all meat cauldrons for those three old demons to absorb...”

“It is really a shameless sect.” Cai Lin’s and the Little Fairy Doctor’s faces turned a little cold after they heard Yao Lao’s explanation.

“They are indeed shameless and were chased away from the Central Plains back then, but it is unexpected that they have returned...” Yao Lao nodded and said. “Back then, I had exchanged blows with one of those three and seriously injured him, but I was injured by the other two. Therefore, I did not take that person’s life. It is surprising that I would come across them after so many years...”

“These three old demons’ evil reputations in the Central Plains were gained much earlier than the Xue He Tianzun you met. The eldest, Tian He Zi, has already reached a nine change peak Dou Zun. The second brother, Di Je Zi, has reached the eighth change while the third, Ren He Zi, is at the sixth change. Their combined strength is likely able to contend against an elite Ban Sheng.”

Surprise flashed across Xiao Yan’s eyes when he heard this information. These three old demons were indeed extraordinary. With this kind of strength, one would be considered top-notch even within the Central Plains. No wonder they could take out a nine-colored Pill Lightning tier 8 medicinal pill.

Yao Lao suddenly lifted his head while Xiao Yan was continuing to make inquiries. He looked to the distant horizon and faintly said, “They are here...”

Chapter 1398: Three Ghost Scorpion Demon

Xiao Yan's group's hearts shook when they heard Yao Lao's words. Their eyes looked to the front where a faint wind lightning sound was present. A couple of dozen seconds later, three black glows suddenly rushed over from the distance!

The speed of the three black glows was extremely terrifying. Within a flash, they appeared a thousand feet away. However, they suddenly appeared to have sensed something when they were just about to enter the mountain where Yao Lao was located. They immediately paused, and three dark, cold and ruthless gazes shot over. They paused on the group on the mountain.

"Yao Chen? It is actually you!"

The three of them were stunned when they saw Yao Lao. A furious voice soon appeared.

Xiao Yan's eyes observed the other party while these three were exclaiming. The leader was a somewhat skinny figure. His face was dark and stern, and from the looks of it, he was the person who had made the bid at the trade fair earlier. There was another elder and a man, who appeared somewhat younger, behind him. Although the last man appeared young, both of his eyes revealed an age that was not any younger than the other two old demons.

Other than the younger-looking man, whose appearance was a little better, the remaining two gave one a dark and chilly feeling. Moreover, the auras that were vaguely emitted from their bodies were quite terrifying.

"Three He Demon Ghosts, It has been a long time since we have met..." Yao Lao placed his hands behind him and laughed.

"You are the person who had bid against the ole' me earlier?" The skinny old man, who was the leader, glared at Yao Chen in a ruthless manner before he suddenly demanded.

Yao Lao smiled after seeing Tian He Zi recover. He did not say any unnecessary words. “Hand over the ancient map...:”

“Tsk tsk. How unexpected. The renowned Yao zun-zhe, Yao Chen, on the continent is doing something like stopping someone and robbing treasure from them!” Tian He Zi strangely laughed when he heard Yao Lao’s words.

Yao Lao smiled and spoke in an unconcerned manner, “If it was someone else, I might have thought twice. Fortunately, it is the three of you. Therefore, I do not feel any mental burden. Other people might be considered humans, but I do not regard the few of you as such...”

“Hmph, Yao Chen, don’t think that the three of us are afraid of you just because you have advanced to the Ban Sheng class. Back then, we were able to beat you until you fled being injured. We are still able to do so today!” The brutal-looking Di He Zi spoke with a dark and cold voice.

“Why don’t you give it a try? We will also be able to resolve our grudges from back then...”

Yao Lao grinned. He stomped his foot on the ground and his body appeared in front of those three in a ghost-like fashion. Monstrous Dou Qi suddenly surged out of his body, and the sky suddenly turned dark. Wild wind raged and whistled across the sky.

The expressions of Tian He Zi’s group changed when they saw Yao Lao stirring such a force, especially Tian He Zi’s expression. Although he was only half a step away from the Ban Sheng class, he understood just how large this difference was. An intense battle was unavoidable if they wished to escape today.

“Bang!”

Yao Lao did not give the three of them any extra time. He clenched his hand and dark clouds surged from the sky as a ten-thousand-foot-large fire hand suddenly formed. After which, it explosively hurtled the He Zi trio.

“Attack together!”

A dark vicious expression flashed across the eyes of Tian He Zi’s group

when they saw Yao Lao attacking as he pleased. They let out a furious roar as Dou Qi surged from their bodies. After which, they turned into three thousand-foot-large light pillars that ruthlessly collided with the enormous flame hand.

“Bang!”

The two collided and a frightening wind ripple surged out in all directions. The enormous mountains around were shaken by that energy ripple until they burst apart.

“Hmph!”

As a frightening wind swept apart, Tian He Zi and his two brothers’ footsteps staggered. They hurriedly took two steps back. A muffled voice was emitted from Tian He Zi’s throat. He had suffered a small loss in this hurried cooperation of theirs.

“The strength of this old fellow is so terrifying?”

The three of them were unable to gain an advantage despite joining hands. The expressions of Tian He Zi’s group changed. Their eyes flickered. Suddenly, they turned to Xiao Yan’s group on the mountain and sinisterly said, “Third brother, those three are together with this old fellow. Capture them. Remember that they must live!”

The three of them would definitely enter into a bitter battle if they were to fight Yao Lao. Hence, it was better to capture Xiao Yan’s group and use them as hostages. Only then would they be able to successfully escape.

“Aye.”

Ren He Zi looked into the distance when he heard this. An evil smile slid over his face as he nodded and said, “Give me a couple of minutes!”

His feet stepped on empty air after his voice sounded. He rushed in the direction of Xiao Yan’s group. Yao Lao frowned when he saw this. He was just about to intervene when Tian He Zi and Di He Zi suddenly unleashed the Dou Qi within their bodies until their limits. After which, they unleashed a tricky attack from all directions.

“You are seeking death!”

Yao Lao’s eyes turned chilly when he saw this. Tian He Zi and the other two could barely fight him with their combined strength, yet they dared to separate. They were really committing suicide. He was not too worried about Xiao Yan’s group. Although Ren He Zi was a six change peak Dou Zun, it would be impossible for him to finish off Xiao Yan’s group within a short period of time.

Murderous desire surged within Yao Lao’s heart. The space around him swiftly became distorted. After which, he exchanged blows with Tian He Zi again, and a frightening energy ripple once again spread across the sky.

While Tian He Zi and his brother were pestering Yao Lao, Ren He Zi appeared a short distance in front of Xiao Yan’s group with lightning-like speed. His heated eyes suddenly paused on Cai Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor’s well-proportioned and lovely figures.

“Ha ha, it is unexpected that I can meet two exquisite beauties. This is the greatest gain of this trip.”

Ren He Zi’s eyes were incomparably hot as they looked at Cai Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor. The appearance and demeanor of these two women was not what those meat cauldrons within the Cloud Rain Sect could compare with. They had surpassed everything. Lewd thoughts immediately began to grow wildly within his heart once he saw them.

Cai Lin and Little Fairy Doctor’s pretty face gradually turned icy as they sensed Ren He Zi’s lewd eyes. Dou Qi gathered with lightning-like speed in their hands.

“Hee hee, die brat. Leave the beauties behind!”

Ren He Zi licked his lips. A punch was thrown toward Xiao Yan from across a distance. A frightening sonic boom was formed from his fist, and it rumbled across the sky.

“Bang!”

Xiao Yan’s face was void of expression. His feet abruptly stomped on the ground. The mountain in front of him suddenly blasted apart as a

hundred-foot-large hot lava cylinder shot out. It poured down from the sky and stirred clusters of flames on the mountain top.

Xiao Yan took the opportunity to glance at Yao Lao's battle in the distance after having blocked Ren He Zi's attack. At this moment, Tian He Zi and his brother were in a situation where they were completely overwhelmed. From the looks of the battle, they would not be able to endure for long.

"Hu..."

Xiao Yan softly sighed in his heart. Both of his hands formed numerous complicated hand seals, and a clan tattoo surfaced between his brows. With its appearance, Xiao Yan's aura soared from the peak of an eight star Dou Zun to a three change peak Dou Zun.

Ren He Zi was a six change peak Dou Zun expert. He was much stronger than Xue He zun-zhe. Hence, Xiao Yan had no choice but to be cautious since his opponent was considered the strongest Dou Zun among those he had met and fought.

"Brat, you do indeed have some skills. However, the old me dislikes those who enjoy multiple women. You can rest assured that the old me will take good care of these two beauties after you die!"

Ren He Zi let out a sharp laugh after sensing Xiao Yan's soaring aura.

"Bang!"

Cai Lin's face turned extremely cold when she heard Ren He Zu's obscene words. Her lovely figure leaped into the sky and dark clouds churned. Her figure turned into a ten-thousand-foot-long Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python. Her enormous body was hidden within the dark cloud, appearing like a dragon.

"Oh? This beauty's actual body is the extinct Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python. Ha ha, how delicious. The old me likes it!"

Ren He Zi was startled when he saw Cai Lin turn into a Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python, but he soon let out a loud laugh.

“Crash!”

Ren He Zi’s loud laugh had just sounded when a colorful thunderbolt suddenly smashed down from the dark clouds. After having transformed, Cai Lin’s aura had also soared. She was equivalent to an eight star Dou Zun human expert. However, Ren He Zi merely waved his sleeve in the face of such an attack. A wave of majestic Dou Qi forcefully vanquished her attack.

“Woeful Poison Body, activate!”

The Little Fairy Doctor’s face was icy-cold. Her hand seals changed, and her beautiful long black hair suddenly turned silvery-white. A Dou Qi glow that contained a fatal poison rushed toward Ren He Zi with lightning-like speed.

“Huh? This beauty has the Woeful Poison Body? Ha ha, all of you are exquisite...”

Ren He Zi once again laughed out loud as he sensed the lethal poison within the pillar, but he did not appear relaxed. His body hurriedly pulled back as he dodged this lethal poison pillar. The Woeful Poison Body was too intense. It would be somewhat troublesome if he touched even a miniscule amount.

“These two beauties are really ruthless. One is a Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python while the other has a Woeful Poison Body. With the both of them joining hands, an ordinary peak Dou Zun would really be no match for them. However, hee hee, they have unfortunately met this elderly-self...” Ren He Zi laughed in a strange manner. The lewd smile on his face became even denser, but he was just about to attack when his expression suddenly changed. A terrifying energy ripple that caused a fear to appear in his heart suddenly unfurled from the distance.

A shock flashed across Ren He Zi’s eyes when he sensed this energy ripple that could destroy everything. He hurriedly raised his head and saw five clusters of flame suspended in front of the black-clothed young man on the mountain top. Other than the last type of flame, the remaining four types of flames caused his expression to drastically change.

“Four types of Heavenly Flames?”

Xiao Yan saw the drastic change on Ren He Zi’s face, but his expression did not change. A dense cold smile was lifted on the corner of his mouth. This was the first time he had added the “Life Transforming Flame” after having refined the Bone Chilling Flame...

Four types of Heavenly Flame and one fake Heavenly Flame!

It was a five-colored Angry Buddha Lotus Flame that Xiao Yan had never used before!

Chapter 1399: Four And Half Coloured Angry Buddha Lotus Flame

“This brat is really mysterious. He only possesses the strength of someone at the peak of an eight star Dou Zun, yet he is able to unleash such a frightening strength!”

Ren He Zi’s expression was volatile as he stared at the flames churning in Xiao Yan’s hands, and a great wave rose within his heart. However, this shock quickly turned into a dark ruthlessness. He suddenly threw a punch and the space in front of him emitted a crashing sound as it burst apart. A dozens-of-foot-large dark-black spatial line appeared. That spatial crack became a black ruthless poisonous snake that rushed toward Xiao Yan with lightning-like speed.

“Bang!”

An enormous spatial crack quickly spread across the sky, but it was still a couple hundred feet away from Xiao Yan when a couple of colorful thunderbolts suddenly smashed down from the sky. They ruthlessly struck the spreading crack, causing the spatial crack to pause momentarily before it quickly exploded apart.

The expression in Ren He Zi’s eyes sank when his attack was blocked. He lifted his eyes to look at the enormous Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python in the sky and strangely laughed, “Beauty, since you insist on intervening, the old me shall finish off the both of you first!”

Ren He Zi’s body flashed after he uttered those words. He immediately turned into a ray of light that shot toward the Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python in the sky. A punch was immediately thrown ruthlessly forward, and a low and deep sonic boom was formed as it whizzed toward the Cai Lin.

“Chi!”

Cai Lin’s thousand-foot-long tail was suddenly swung when she saw Ren He Zi’s attack. The frightening strength caused space itself to tear apart. It

ruthlessly collided with the powerful palm wind, and a frightening storm swept across the sky. The Seven-Colored Heaven Swallowing Python, which Cai Lin had turned into, was forced back thousands of feet.

“Hee hee, beauty, you are no match for this elderly-self!”

Ren He Zi lewdly laughed after forcing back Cai Lin with a punch. He was just about to turn around when many sharp rushing wind sounds appeared beside his ear, and Dou Qi pillars with lethal poisons trickily pierced toward a couple of fatal spots on his body.

Ren He Zi frowned when he sensed this attack. His feet stepped on empty air and the space behind him distorted into something like a metal wall. The Dou Qi pillars collided with it and emitted clear ‘clang’ sounds.

“Two beauties, why do you need to fight all out for this brat? The both of you will definitely enjoy yourselves by following the old me...” Ren He Zi’s laughed, but before he could finish speaking, he saw Xiao Yan press the five types of flames together in the distance. His face involuntarily twitched.

“This madman. He is actually merging the Heavenly Flames...”

The look in Ren He Zi’s eyes was altered. Although he didn’t know why this brat was doing something so crazy, his instincts told him that he would end up dying if he allowed this brat to continue. He immediately rotated his body and ceased bothering with Cai Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor. He turned into a ray of light that shot toward Xiao Yan.

“Xiao Yan, be careful!”

The Little Fairy Doctor hurriedly issued a reminder when she saw Ren He Zi move. She also hurriedly moved her body and followed.

Xiao Yan lifted his head when he sensed the intense sound of rushing wind bull toward him. Xiao Yan looked at Ren He Zi’s dense dark face as he headed his way. A cold laugh sounded from Ren He Zi. Green-red bone wings spread swiftly behind Xiao Yan and a silver glow flashed under his feet. His body appeared a thousand feet away, causing Ren He Zi to miss.

“What frightening speed!”

Ren He Zi felt shock materialize in his heart when he saw Xiao Yan dodge him in such a relaxed manner. Before he could continue chasing Xiao Yan, two extremely ferocious attacks were launched from behind him. Those attacks came from Cai Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor, who had followed him over.

Ren He Zi did not dare to allow these two, who had joined hands, to randomly attack him. He had no choice but to turn around. Dou Qi surged out from his body as he ruthlessly collided with the two attacks behind him.

“Bang!”

The three of them engaged in an intense battle. Thunder-like explosions resounded across the sky as wave after wave of frightening force spread like floodwater. They shook the sky until space became distorted.

“Moan!”

Cao Lin and the Little Fairy Doctor emitted a groan from their mouths when they violently collided with Ren He Zi. Their bodies were forced back. Although their bodies’ constitutions were different from others, there was too wide a gap between Ren He Zi and them. It was difficult for them to win even if they joined hands.

Although they did not possess the strength to be victorious, the two of them continued to persevere. They completely ignored the injuries that had appeared in their bodies from the counterattack. Their bodies had just stabilized when many lightning-like attacks continued to strike Ren He Zi. They caused Ren He Zi to react with chaotic responses.

While their battle had become extremely heated, Tian He Zi’s and Di He Zi’s faces had become a little pale as they fought Yao Lao. The two of them together were no match for Yao Lao. If they weren’t great at cooperating, their defenses would have long since been breached. Even though this was the case, it was obvious that they were unable to endure for long.

“Third brother, what are you doing? Why are you still showing mercy to ladies at this moment? Are you seeking death?”

Tian He Zi and his brother turned paler after they were ruthlessly forced back by Yao Lao once again. Their eyes glanced into the distance as they involuntarily cried out. None of them had expected Ren He Zi to be held back by two ladies whose strength did not exceed that of an eight star Dou Zun.

The pressure around Tian He Zi and his brother suddenly increased after their furious voices sounded. A thousand-feet-large flame fist fell from the sky and ruthlessly smashed into them. Although they had Dou Qi protecting them, that frightening wind still struck the both of them until they spat out a mouthful of fresh blood and flew backwards.

“This is bad, big brother’s group cannot endure any longer...”

Ren He Zi’s heart sank when he saw Tian He Zi and his brother spit out blood and withdraw. “Since I am unable to capture that brat, I shall capture a beauty as a hostage. Otherwise, we will be finished today!”

This thought lingered within Ren He Zi’s heart. He gave up on capturing Xiao Yan as his palm shattered an enormous colorful thunderbolt. After which, his large hand suddenly grabbed at the Little Fairy Doctor. The space around her instantly stilled.

“Bang!”

The Little Fairy Doctor’s expression changed when she sensed space still around her. Dou Qi surged from her body, causing the solid space around her to tremble, but she was not able to break free.

“Tsk tsk, beauty, the old me shall bring you with me this time around!”

Ren He Zi’s figure flashed away while the Little Fairy Doctor was attempting to shatter the distorted space and retreat. He appeared in front of the Little Fairy Doctor and gave her a lewd smile. His large hand reached toward her.

“Woo!”

Cai Lin in the sky felt her heart sink when she saw this person give up on targeting Xiao Yan. Instead, he had decided to capture the Little Fairy Doctor. She hurriedly activated the thunderbolt strength within the dark

clouds and shot them toward Ren He Zi from all directions. Ren He Zi merely clenched his hand when these attacks came down, and they were completely shattered by a distortion in space.

“Beauty, you are mine!”

Ren He Zi let out a strange laugh after shattering all the thunderbolts. His eyes were extremely heated as he looked at the expression on the Little Fairy Doctor’s face. His hand was about to grab her shoulder.

“It is too early for you to be happy!”

As Ren He Zi’s large hand was about to grab the Little Fairy Doctor, a cold laugh suddenly reverberated behind him. The Ren He Zi’s face changed when he heard this voice. He suddenly turned around and his eyes shrank. A exquisite basin-sized five-colored fire lotus cut through the air and rushed his way.

This fire lotus contained five colors and fire seedlings continued to rise around it. A frightening extermination force emanated from it. Even Ren He Zi felt his limbs become ice-cold because of this annihilation force. Such a might was comparable to some Tian class middle level Dou Skills!

“Thick Earth Bell!”

Ren He Zi’s limbs might have been icy-cold, but he did not lose his reasoning. His hand seals rapidly changed as Dou Qi surged from his body in all directions and an enormous bell quickly appeared. His body quickly hid within it.

“Sizzle!”

An enormous snake tail rushed down from the sky when Ren He Zi used his defensive Dou Skill. It swiftly wrapped around the Little Fairy Doctor and pulled her away.

“If you wish to find a beauty, you can go and find one in hell!”

Xiao Yan’s expression was dark and cold as he glanced at Ren He Zi in the large bell. Ren He Zi’s eyes had revealed a panic. A cold smile was lifted on the corner of Xiao Yan’s mouth as the bone wings on his back

were flapped. His body withdrew with lightning-like speed. At the same time, the seal formed by his hands changed.

“Explode!”

After this word was spat out from Xiao Yan’s mouth, the five-colored fire lotus suddenly paused next to the bell shape. It subsequently exploded in front of Ren He Zi’s shocked eyes.

“Bang!”

The entire place trembled because of this explosion. All the mountains within a ten-thousand-foot-radius emitted a ‘boom’ as they were blasted into dust. In an instant, the mountain range had turned into a desert. Sand and rocks flew while smoke permeated the air...

A five-colored fire lotus, no... this could only be described as a four-and-a-half-colored Angry Buddha Lotus Flame, was this terrifying!

Forget about Ren He Zi. Under this frightening explosion, even an expert with Tian He Zi’s strength would be turned into nothing in an instant!

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